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Program
by
Shirley Mears

The Academy of Senior Professionals speaker on Monday, January 14, 2019, will be Kristy Boone, founder of Premium Impact, LLC.



Kristy is a communicator who has a gift for helping people better express themselves. Her message, “The Great Divide,” will share how interactive exercises can bridge the gap in communication among generations, enhancing collaboration in both professional and personal dynamics.

A graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, Kristy Boone lives in Oklahoma City, and runs a sales, marketing, and event-consulting service company. She has worked as the VIP Builder and Developer Manager for Cox Communications and as a community outreach specialist for Ideal Homes.

She has served on the Board of Directors for Downtown OKC Lions Club and on the Advisory Council for the Cox Connects Foundation, as well as the Resource Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, co-chairing their Taste of OKC in 2014, and on the Leadership OKC alumni board. She currently serves on the Freedom School of OKC

board and is chair-elect of the Oklahoma Virtuosi board.

Kristy is an alumnae of OKConnect. Her volunteer efforts with The Arts Council of OKC have included being co-chair of the Opening Night celebration in 2016 as well as the co-chair of the Angels & Friends patron party in 2015 and 2016.

Through her film and commercial involvement, she’s had the opportunity to work in a lead role in local, regional, and national projects, as well as to write and produce. She is the proud mother of a daughter, Sarah, and the owner of four rescued animals: two dogs and two cats.

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LUNCHEON JANUARY 14, 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, January 10, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinarley@prodigy.net.

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

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President's Column
by
John Martin



Interim Director
by
Brent LaVigne

ASP Friends,

Did you ever have writer's block? When I teach Business Communication, my students learn about it, how to identify it, and how to work through it. I had writer's block even about this, and then I realized ... it's because it's the *January* edition. *January 2019!*

"Well, another year has ended" just did not seem to cut it as an opening thought. Besides, I have no idea what 2019 holds. That left me with totally blank thoughts and feelings.

No one among us truly knows what awaits us in this new year. Yet, Ephesians 4:6-7 says, "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*" (NIV).

Even though we each walk into the new year with no idea where it will lead us, we do know that we can trust our loving Savior. He does love us and will keep us in His care. Being either anxious or ambivalent about what lies ahead does not need to be our reality ... because of God's faithful presence!

I hope you will join me and walk confidently toward what is next!

Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John F. Martin, Ph.D.

Last month's *Perspective* introduced Carolyn Jagers as ASP's new director. So, this will be my last column as the interim director. May I use this opportunity to bless you as we begin a new year?

I attended Dr. Wanda Rhodes' funeral service. That lady left significant generosity in her wake. The stories shared at her funeral pointed to God, showing what can happen when we seek Him completely.

Those that knew Wanda Rhodes know that she enjoyed sports and specifically tennis. Indeed, my first memory of Dr. Rhodes goes back to when I was an SNU student and I saw her playing tennis with Pastor Lewis McClain on the SNU courts. It is fitting that Pastor McClain shared a tennis story at her funeral service.

One day as he was playing tennis with her, he missed a sequence of shots. Stopping play and looking at him, Dr. Rhodes said "Lewis, you need to keep your eye on the 'director'."

In tennis, Dr. Rhodes said, the ball must be the "director." She had seen Lewis' eyes wander from the ball to her and to people passing by and even to nearby trees. "When you keep your eyes on the director," Wanda told him, "you will be more pleased with the outcome."

In 2019, let's keep our eyes on our foremost Director, our Lord Jesus Christ. As you face this year's challenges and successes, rest assured the outcome will be best if we keep our eyes on our "director" whom the author of Hebrews calls "the author and perfecter of our faith."

Thank you for *LivingLast* (Mark 9:35)

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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**SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson**

Our interviewee for the SNU Connection Moment at the January luncheon will be Dr. Bryan Powell, who is the chair of SNU's School of Music.



Dr. Powell began teaching at SNU in 2001 in the areas of applied piano, class piano, and music theory. He currently provides oversight to the piano and worship arts programs. He is involved as well with the

McNair Scholars program in which he serves as a mentor.

A graduate of Southern Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in piano performance, he holds a master's in music from the University of Colorado. He was recently awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. While studying in Colorado, he served as accompanist for the University of Colorado's Children's Opera Program performing *Hansel & Gretel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and various other shows.

He has played piano for most of his life, has been leading worship at churches for over 15 years, and has a genuine love for (almost) all kinds of music.

In addition to being on the Southern Nazarene University faculty, Dr. Powell is the Worship Pastor at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, where he has attended since 2001. He is married to Lacy who is an elementary school teacher. They have two sons, Cole and Clay. He enjoys staying active and loves playing sports with his sons and spending time in the mountains of Colorado.

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



Carolyn Jagers experienced her first luncheon with the Academy of Senior Professionals. She will be our new director beginning in January.



BETTY JEAN PISCHEL



Betty Jean Pischel, 90, went to be with her Lord on November 16, 2018. She was born January 7, 1928, in Richland, Iowa, to Floyd and Ruby (Warren) Lyon. She attended a one-

room school through seventh grade. After high school she went to Kletzing College in University Park, Iowa, where she met Jack Pischel. They were married on June 13, 1947.

They moved to Kankakee, Illinois, where Jack got a degree from what is now Olivet Nazarene University and then they moved so he could attend seminary. Betty stayed busy typing his college papers and raising their three children. After Jack was ordained, they pastored churches in Iowa and Texas.

They then moved to Oklahoma so Jack could teach English and literature at what is now Southern Nazarene University. Betty became active with the faculty dames organization as well as helping with enrollment. She also worked for Manpower and Nancy's Temporary Services to earn money for vacations. They loved to travel in their VW camper.

When Jack retired, they moved to Texas where they built a log house, cutting many of the logs from trees on their own land. They also helped organize senior citizen



Elaine Wood was introduced by President Elect Marla Cole for "Get Acquainted Moments."

Dr. Caio França told us of his work to stop mosquitos from transmitting malaria and other diseases.



Speaker Dr. Keith Newman, SNU President, was presented a scholarship gift for the missions department by ASP president John Martin.

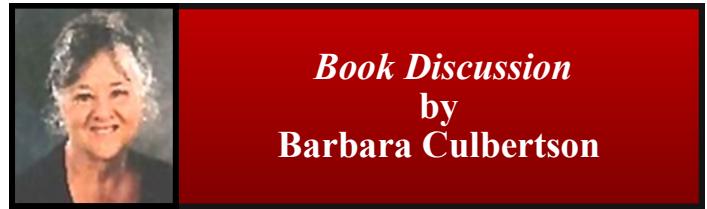
events for the Houston District. When Jack's health deteriorated, they moved back to Bethany to be closer to family.

While in Texas, they had become interested in raising daylilies. Jack hybridized some, and he and Betty registered them. They moved their plants to Oklahoma City and joined the daylily club. They spent hours tending the lilies, and even visited other states with the club to see more. Betty also enjoyed doing tin punch, and punched labels for their hundreds of lilies.

Betty was a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene where she was actively involved in Sunday School, Bible studies, a missionary group, and ARMM. She was also a longtime member of the Academy of Senior Professionals.

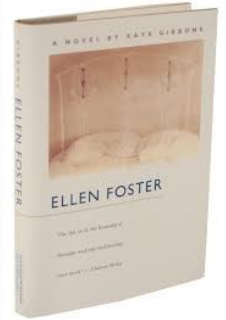
Betty was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and sisters Mae Luers and Elma Lamb. She is survived by her children, Martha O'Hair and husband Harold, James Pischel and wife Robin, and Tim Pischel and wife Lisa; grandchildren, Jeff O'Hair, John O'Hair and wife Lindsay, Tracy Daughtery and husband Ron, Amanda Crooks and husband Matt, Kristina Travis and husband Jodie, Jamie Wood, and Rodney Pischel; as well as 19 great-grandchildren.

Betty's funeral service was held November 20 at Mercer-Adams Chapel with interment in Bethany Cemetery.



A message of hope—what a great way to begin a new year! That's what in store for us in January's book discussion when we will look at *Ellen Foster*, a fiction book by Kaye Gibbons. According to a Wikipedia page ([wikipedia.org/wiki/EllenFoster](https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/EllenFoster), accessed Dec. 1, 2018), the major themes of this

novel include "determination, self-consciousness, self-criticism, and ignorance by social awareness." Born into a very dysfunctional family, Ellen grows up in poverty, with abuse, cruelty, and alcoholism. The Wikipedia page states that "*Ellen Foster* is ultimately a coming-of-age story, as Ellen engineers for herself a place in the secure, nurturing family she has craved."



So, come at 9:30, grab a cup of coffee on the main floor of the Commons and come on up to the President's Dining Room on the third floor.

Looking ahead into February finds us turning to a non-fiction book, this time to Edith Eger's award-winning book *The Choice*.



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."

Metropolitan libraries carry copies of both these books, and they are also available in Kindle editions.



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ASP Calendar

Monday January 14, 2019
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the 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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