



Program
by
Conley Henderson

Our November luncheon speaker, James Wall, describes himself as a job search expert. "I help people find work," he says.

Wall spent 20 years in the US Army and then the past 11 years he has been a consultant to businesses and individuals. He has a passion for lifting up communities that he is a part of while leading others to do the same. As the Lead Master Trainer for Public Strategies, a local business consulting firm, James tries to serve the community by advocating for the disadvantaged and instilling hope into everyone with whom he has contact.



Seven years ago, at the age of 52, he went back to school here at Southern Nazarene University, graduating in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. One of his favorite sayings is, "Everything you want is just on the other side of what you are afraid to do." Because Jim has mastered the art of job search, he has been able to help over 3,000 people find work. He likes to say, "YES! I can help YOU!"

Jim is a past president of Toastmasters International. In that organization's speaking competition, he won first place in Oklahoma and then represented the state in international competition. He says he thinks of himself as an enthusiastic perpetual learner who wants to share his learning with others. He is a Top 100 Speaker and Lead Master Life Coach.

Jim has been married to his wife Iris for 35 years. They have two children as well as a five-year-old grandson.



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. Psalm 92

LUNCHEON November 8, 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, November 4, 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.



**President's Column
by
Emmalyn German**

An ASP Thanksgiving

With smiles and cheerful greetings, people began gathering in the Webster Commons about 10:30 in the morning of September 13. As more and more arrived, the volume of conversations increased among friends happy to see each other again. It had been more than a year since they had met together like this. Being seated around tables spread with delicious food was a perfect setting for ASP's first 2021 meeting.

The interruption began a year earlier when word spread across America and around the world that a dangerous virus of epidemic proportions was going to threaten lives everywhere (and, indeed, the USA recently passed the grim milestone of 700,000 COVID-19 deaths). Our lives were disrupted. ASP meetings were cancelled. We stayed home for a year and zoomed our book discussion group meetings. Then two months ago the doors of Webster Commons were opened, and ASP members came back.

Unseen during the year of lockdown, our ASP council continued its work creatively by way of emails, conference phone calls, and in-person council meetings. To keep us all connected until the lock-down ended and we could resume our monthly meetings together, our printed newsletter, *The Academy Perspective*, was replaced by the emailed ASP "Communique."

With so many blessings to be thankful for this November, we give thanks to God for ASP. Our friends, food, fellowship and faith are bountiful gifts we do not take for granted.

For these blessings we give thanks.

Did you know you can receive *The Academy Perspective* by email? Give Frank Dewey, ASP treasurer, your email address at the next luncheon. Help our association save postage costs by signing up. Thank you!

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**Meet Our Members
by
LaNell Stahl**

Mark Bolerjack, one of our ASP representatives and greeters, was born in Kansas City during the time his father R. T. Bolerjack was attending Nazarene Theological Seminary. He has lived in Nebraska and the River Oaks area of Ft. Worth, Texas. Mark has two sisters in the Bethany area, and his dad is at Spanish Cove in Yukon. Mark and Betty Manners Bolerjack have been married for thirty-two years and have one adopted daughter who is attending Oklahoma City Community College working toward a certificate in child development.



Mark attended Southern Nazarene University where he earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA. He stated, "During my career as an accountant, I worked in corporate accounting, state accounting and have had an income tax business for forty years."

Mark and Betty were both ordained in 2005 and have been bi-vocational pastors. During one five-year period, they pastored two small churches. In August, they were appointed interim pastors of the Crown Heights Church at Western and NW 46th in Oklahoma City.

When asked about special things in his life, Mark shared, "One thing I've really enjoyed was the six weeks I spent in Australia visiting my parents who were living there when I graduated from college. In the future, I hope to travel more, especially in my motor home. However, it will have to wait."



Reminder to pay your ASP membership dues of \$20.00. The monthly luncheon fee is \$6.00 which is subsidized by our sponsors.



**Obituaries
by
Marla Mercer Cole**

Norman ‘Norm’ Joseph Gaines, 86, died on September 28, 2021, in Bethany, Oklahoma. He was born on November 13, 1934, in Mount Vernon, Ohio to Kenneth William Gaines and Anna Lucille (Flecknoe) Gaines. He married Linda Murray on August 29, 1959, in Springfield, Ohio. He was a graduate of Ohio State University where he marched in the Best Damn Band in the Land and loyally cheered his Buckeyes his entire life. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army serving at Fort Leonard Wood where he was highly awarded as a marksman. While at Fort Leonard Wood, he was a member of the US Army band, playing at the Officer’s Club regularly.



Norm was a lifetime educator, starting his career as a marching band director and retiring as a superintendent of schools. His superintendency took him to Auburn, NY; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Evanston, Wyoming; and Sioux Center, Iowa.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Lucile. Survivors include his wife Linda, daughters Carrie (Gerald) Miller, Liz (Blair) Shimbashi of Katy, Texas; Grandsons Jeremy (Teresa) Miller, Justin (Miranda) Miller, Joshua Shimbashi, Connor Shimbashi and 6 great grandchildren.

His life celebration can be viewed along with a complete obituary online at <https://www.mercer-adams.com/obituary/norman-gaines>



**SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson**

During this year’s “SNU Connections” moments at our monthly luncheons, we’ll be interviewing some of the behind-the-scenes people who enable SNU to carry out its mission.



This month we’ll be interviewing Tollya Spindle who for the past four years has been the executive assistant to the university president. Her relationship with SNU began in 1988 when she arrived here as a student. After her graduation in 1992 with a degree in sociology, she went to work as a recruiter in the admissions office, becoming its director just two years later.

She married Blair Spindle, joining him in local church youth ministry positions in Florida and Colorado. When Blair accepted the youth ministry leader position at Oklahoma City’s Trinity Church of the Nazarene in 2004, Tollya came back to SNU, initially working with the Church Relations and Alumni offices. Along the way, she earned a master’s degree in speech communication from SNU.

Three years ago, Tollya spoke in an SNU chapel. Among the things she said was, “God is enough for you. His grace is all you need. You cannot find anything in this world that can surpass His grace.”

Tollya’s husband Blair is currently campus pastor at SNU. They have three girls: Bethany, who is a school teacher, Bailey, who is a student at SNU and Brooklyn, who is in high school.

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October Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart



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“Be Thou My Vision”
Melissa Lewi, Jim Graves,
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Buffet Line



Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson

After having delved into the life of the Osage Indians this past month, on November first we turn to a fictional tome, *Luther and Katharina* by Jody Hedlund. Its subtitle, “a novel of love and rebellion,” should whet your appetite

Hedlund is a renowned Christian author. Goodreads gives the following review of *Luther and Katharina*:

“She, a nun of noble birth. He, a heretic, a reformer. . . In the 16th century, nun Katharina von Bora’s fate fell no further than the Abbey. Until she read the writings of Martin Luther.”

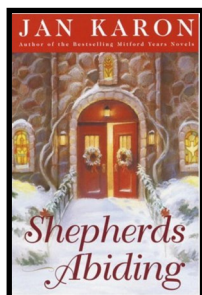
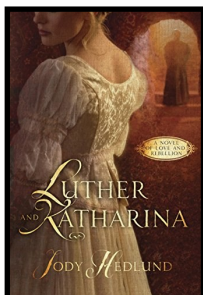
Then, December is not far away. So, on Monday the sixth, we will discuss an “easy read,” one that will warm your heart, *Shepherds Abiding*.

The Metropolitan Library System website has this to say:

“This eighth novel [of Jan Karon] in the bestselling ‘Mitford Years’ series is a meditation on the best of all presents. . . one’s heart. When Father Tim finds a neglected 20-piece Nativity scene, he sets out to restore the set and begins a small journey of faith.”

Jan Karon’s writing career began after she reached the age of 50. Her personal website reports that “Jan awoke one night with a mental image of an Episcopal priest walking down a village street. She grew curious and started writing about a character she named Father Tim Kavanagh. Soon, Jan was publishing weekly installments about Father Tim.”

Metropolitan Library System has both books in multiple formats. Start reading and join us via Zoom the November 1 at 1:30 The URL will be sent via email.



Music Notes
By
Renda Brumeloe

Our musical guests for our November luncheon will be SNU students Coby Heath and Jada Nichols.

Coby Heath is a freshman from Oklahoma City. He plays piano and trumpet and is a jazz enthusiast.



Jada Nichols, a sophomore from Enid, is a vocal major who was a finalist last spring in the district National Association of Teachers of Singing competition. They both enjoy a varied genre of musical styles.



Both are pursuing music performance degrees. They will perform a vocal jazz selection for us.

Please welcome and show your support for these students.



Opera Scenes—Thursday, Nov 4 | 7:00 pm
Cantrell Music Hall

Percussion Ensemble Concert—Thursday, Nov 11
7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

Sounds of Christmas (ticketed)
SNU Combined Ensembles with guest artist Susan Powell.
Monday & Tuesday Nov 29 & 30th
7:00 pm Bethany 1st Nazarene Church 6789 NW
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 [10:15 Southern Plaza]
 11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room of Webster Commons
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