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“Pearl Harbor, Then and Now, with The USS Oklahoma Rising” is the subject of the featured speakers at the May 11 ASP luncheon

By
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The maxim, “Lest we forget,” will be used often by speakers Pat Perry and Bob Adams at the May 11 Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) luncheon at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) to help members and guests remember what happened during the early morning hours of December 7, 1941:

the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. While ships were destroyed, our servicemen, as well as civilians, lost their lives, and many of the survivors became heroes. Pat Perry’s family has the honor of having two Pearl Harbor survivors.

As with most servicemen, the Pearl Harbor survivors did not want to talk much about their experiences right after the war, but after the 50th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack by the Japanese, the dam seemed to have burst. They began sharing



their experiences with each other as well as with the citizens of the world. Pat Perry and her brother Bob Adams had an opportunity to experience the Pearl Harbor survivors in their own environment during the 65th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the ground breaking ceremony for the USS Oklahoma Memorial there in Hawaii.

As the only Oklahoma media represented that day in Hawaii, Pat Perry, producer of *45 & Better Radio* on KTLR AM 890 and associate of *45 & Better News, Inc.*, and Bob Adams created a photo documentary to share with future generations in their tribute to those who fought, lost, and survived a day in infamy.

Pat and Bob would also like to honor all our United States veterans for the job they have done and are doing in serving their country with honor. They will be sharing the faces and stories of the 65th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Bob Adams may be reached at *Bob Adams Photography*, www.bobadamsphotography.com and ydmphoto@gmail.com, 888-936-7468.

All ASP members and guests are urged to make their reservations to hear Pat Perry and Bob Adams on Monday, May 11.

The ASP buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the SNU campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Relevant ASP luncheon reservation information:

Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers *by Thursday, May 7th*, then please call Mrs. Aleen Drumeller, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at **265-0302**

Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at **491-6312** or email ASP@snu.edu

All: The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. *Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, May 7th.*

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

by Jack David Arnold

Discovering a law of life: Use *it* or lose it

Is this saying just another of life's seeming threats, another demanding edict for the "do-it-right-or-else" mentality beyond which we can see humanity evolving? Such threats do not fit the growing vision of humanity endowed with confidence, power, and freedom to create wholeness, wellness, and joy. No, like the other laws of life, this maxim simply tells how things work. **The *it* to be used or lost is that very endowment of our natural gifts as human beings.**

We can look at various physical gifts and see how the laws works. The natural state of the human body is that of **health**. If we spend most of our time as sedentary and inactive senior adults, then atrophy, stiffness, and weakness set in, along with the devitalization of our internal systems. This, in turn, affects the mind and can lead to melancholy, lethargy, and depression. Our natural state of health is lost.

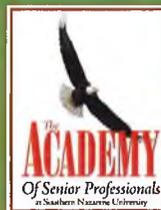
Time is lost in the same way. Twenty-four hours a day are available to everyone, but if they are not used for some constructive purposes, they are irretrievably gone.

Our **talents**, natural endowments, creative abilities, or artistic aptitudes, unused likewise become rusty. Shakespeare said, "To be or not to be, that is the question." We may rephrase this statement to read, "To have or not to have, that is the real question." We are either part of the "haves" who get more, or the "have nots" who keep getting less."

Money is another physical, material consideration of human existence, one that we think of as providing some degree of security, opportunity, ease, enjoyment, and freedom.

A lady friend of mine in Dallas told me that she recently divorced her husband of ten years. He was a workaholic and spent many years laboring hard to earn money, which he saved diligently. Over the years, he accumulated a lot of money. Whenever she, who also worked, wanted to spend some money, such as necessary improvements for their home, a trip for the two of them, or to assist some-

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ASP VOLUNTEERS
by Elbert Overholt



Angel Food Ministries was founded in 1994 by Joe and Linda Wingo to provide food for friends and neighbors who were struggling financially. This program continues today, providing food for more than 500,000 families per month.

Our nearest local host site is sponsored by the Bethany Community Foundation and Bethany First Church of the Nazarene. Two of our Academy members serve at this local host site.



Dr. John Bumpus, a charter member of ASP and Lecil Brown, our historian and Administrative Council member-at-large, regularly prepare

orders and serve Angel Food packages to local families. John has received the pleasure of helping his neighbors for many years. He served on the BFC board for 35 years. He served as Chair of the Board Building Committee during recent remodeling projects. John also served on the Southern Senior Services group that planned and built Southern Plaza for SNU.

Lecil Brown is another of our volunteers who serve Angel Food packages to community members. Lecil works on the assembly line where the packages are prepared for delivery to the recipients. Lecil is an active member of

his church, serving on church boards, church treasurer, and Sunday School teacher.



Lecil has skillfully put together several segments of the ASP history. He periodically prepares segments of history to keep

a current record of ASP progress. He also serves on the Administrative Council as well as writing history and obituary columns for the *Academy Perspective*.

Harold and Joan Dozier are actively serving their church (BFC) and at Concordia Retirement Village where they reside.

Harold serves on the ASP Administrative Council as chairman of the By-laws Committee, and is our ASP liaison with RSVP, and is head of our



Computer Users Group, as well as fixing computer problems at Concordia.

Harold serves on the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society patient service committee. He has recently been working with the Oklahoma Blood Institute in making trips to Europe carrying medications for needy patients. His recent bout with chemo treatments has slowed this activity at present.

Joan also serves on the L/L Society patient service committee. She serves her church as Blood Drive Coordinator, sings in the choir and is on the choir council. Joan also volunteers in the skilled nursing department at Concordia.





RIG WHAT'S NEW

By Paul Scheie

Small and Smaller

The semiconductor transistor was invented about 60 years ago. Early transistors were smaller than a peanut, and began to replace vacuum tubes in electronic devices. Their small size soon was utilized to produce pocket radios, and if a number of transistors were lined up one could produce a computer, albeit a rather bulky one.

By 1971 Intel had a silicon chip that contained 2000 transistors. Applications soon included pocket calculators and desktop computers. We now have cell phones, and radio transmitters small enough to be fastened on the backs of ants and still maintain their mobility.

Intel recently introduced the Penryn chip that contains up to 800 million transistors that are about 45 billionths of a meter, or 45 nanometers, across. Reportedly, 2 million of these could fit on the period at the end of this sentence. These tiny transistors serve as switches, and on each is a device that can turn the transistor on and off up to 300 billion times each second. And yet, the energy required to run this chip is less than that to run any of the older chips.

Perhaps equally amazing is that scientists have a device called an atomic force microscope that enables them to pick an atom, about 0.5 nanometers across, off a surface and move it to a new position.

These are but a few examples from the world of nanotechnology.

But wait! Word is out that within a year Intel intends to introduce yet another new chip with transistors even closer together than those on the Penryn chip.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Arlita Harris

Bookstore Ambience on a Budget

Buy a 12-oz. French vanilla mocha latte, settle down on a comfy couch to read this month's issues of several magazines, walk out with a couple of new books....cost at a bookstore is at least \$100, right?

Not at the SNU Library! The only cost is 50 cents for the latte. The magazines and new books are available for free! The library now has more than 100 new periodicals on display in the periodicals area, just behind those comfy couches. You can pull a new book from the truck just inside the front door – or choose from the books-on-CD.

And, while you're there, take a peek inside the new SNU Archives area. The SNU and Bethany Archives have been moved to the first floor of the library. The new Paul Gray Reading Room will be completed this summer as a wonderful place for those who want to use the Fred Floyd Archives, which have also been moved downstairs, just in time for Bethany's Centennial celebration. Marion Snowbarger, archivist, or Corbin Taggart, junior archivist, will be happy to help you find what you need.

Bethany Centennial History

July 4, 2009 is the deadline for submitting your family history or business history for the Bethany Centennial History Book, which will be published and available before Christmas. The history forms and book order forms are available at www.bethany100.com or you may contact Irwin or Arlita Harris, Don or Joy Beaver, or many of the others on the committee. Each family and business receives space for a 500-word history and one photo. If you would like to do a tribute page for your family or someone special in your life, a full page is available for \$400; ¾ page for \$300; ½ page for \$200; or ¼ page for \$100. Sponsorships are also available. The book will be in color, hardbound (the size of a school yearbook), and approximately 250 pages (depending upon the number of family histories received). The pre-publication cost of the book is \$45 (after publication, it is \$60 until they are gone). Marcia Feisal and Gloria Quaid are responsible for the writing and publication of the book.

If you would like to be part of the oral history project, contact Daniel Fields at the Bethany Public Library. He will schedule a time to professionally record your Bethany story and give you a copy for your family records.





NEWS TO USE
by Shirley Mears

Dr. Tony Campolo Urges Volunteerism to Impact Future Generations

I first met Dr. Anthony Campolo several years ago through Robin Jones, then general manager of Bott Radio, KQCV am 800, here in Oklahoma. Robin Jones, now as the Director of Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, was able to introduce Dr. Tony Campolo to Oklahoma again on April 2, 2009. The Practice & Policy Lecture Series Spring 2009 hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Human Service Director Howard H. Hendrick and Robert Funston, the Director of University of Oklahoma Center for Public Management, presented Dr. Campolo as one of their lecture series presenters. Dr. Campolo spoke in an effort to improve serving Oklahoma's poor and disadvantaged by linking government with faith-based and community organizations to provide social services, including the information available at www.faithlinksok.org.

Robin Jones, who attended Campolo's 70th birthday party, noted the cultural spectrum of those who honored and roasted the minister. Presentations were made by Bill Gaither, Mark Lowry, Hillary Clinton and Jim Wallace. Jones said that Campolo's ministry has touched and changed her life in a significant way and that he is truly one of her heroes of the faith. Jones also said, "You may not agree with him or his politics but you can't argue that he will make you think of the kingdom of God in ways you've never thought of before."

Dr. Campolo is a speaker, author, sociologist, pastor, social activist and passionate follower of Jesus. He has boldly challenged millions of people all over the world to respond to God's boundless love by combining personal discipleship, evangelism, and social justice.

My interviews with Dr. Campolo can be heard by logging on to www.thegospelstation.com, Ministry Interviews tab. There are five segments to his interviews including the criticism of his counseling then President Bill Clinton, his experience of the damaging priority of the "pursuit of happiness," and his new book, *Red Letter Christians*. His website is www.tonycampolo.org.

Volunteers are needed to help meet our speakers for this next year. Please contact Shirley Mears if you are interested.

Much appreciation to La Donna Reynolds for her part in making our speaker guests feel special. She will be joining Emmalyn German in her excellent work on the directory updates. Special thanks as well to Gene and Treva Hill as they continue to greet our speaker guests.

LAUGH AGAIN WEEKEND WITH ART LINKLETTER

Laugh Again Weekend

One of the Burbridge Foundation's goals is to raise the quality of life and bring joy to our senior citizens.

Emmy and Grammy award winner Art Linkletter has been making people laugh on television, radio, and in books for over 60 years and we've invited him to come to Bethany on Saturday, May 16 for a morning full of fun starting at 8:30 am until noon. So if you are a senior citizen and love to laugh you won't want to miss what we're calling "Laugh Again Weekend" with Art Linkletter, comedian Dennis Swanberg, and author-evangelist, Scott Dawson.



Tickets are available in Mardel's stores and Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, where the event will be held. You can also order your tickets at www.laugh-again.org or phone at 789-2050. Bobbie Burbridge Lane



Obituaries
By Lecil Brown

During the month of March we said goodbye to two faithful former ASP members.

Edith Olga Payne was born July 26, 1922 in Wisconsin and died on March 20, 2009 in Bethany, OK. As a member of the ASP, she always greeted everyone with a smile and loved to take pictures. She was a registered nurse and worked for the VA for 25 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Eldon. She is survived by two sons, John and David, and one daughter, Christine. She is also survived by one brother, Milton Sonnevik and his wife Mabel, of Overland Park, KS. Funeral services were held at Bill Merritt Funeral Service on March 24, with burial in Bethany Cemetery.

Virjeane Garrett Bayles was born in Jones County, Texas on May 2, 1930, the daughter of Walter and Zonabel (Neely) Garrett. The family moved to Bethany, OK when Virjeane was nine years old. After graduation from Bethany HS, she enrolled in Bethany Peniel College, now Southern Nazarene University. During her freshman year she met George Bayles, a WWII veteran and they were married on May 30, 1948. She completed her college work and she and George were the proud parents

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one in need, he would either veto the idea or permit it grudgingly. He verbally abused her when he became angry about how she spent money; and finally, he spent several days in the Dallas County jail because he physically hurt her.

My friend's husband lost in various ways. He lost her respect and opportunities for companionship with her. He lost any feeling of enjoyment because he was so driven to guard and to increase his savings. The fear of somehow losing any of it undermined whatever sense of ease and security it might have offered. He lost the feeling of abundance and heart-reward that comes from generosity in sharing. His extreme and stingy frugality cost him his joy, and almost predictably, his health became very poor. Large medical bills and psychiatric care eroded the bulk of his savings.

The gift of **confidence** is clearly seen to be used or lost. Think of the confidence we feel when an idea comes to us that we know holds real potential for success and satisfaction. Develop it and act on it, and there will be fruition of some sort. Allow fear, doubt, and hesitation to hold us back, and everything is lost; the possibilities of the idea held disappear increasingly, and our confidence dissolves.

The human endowment of **love** provides the most fundamental illustration of the law: use *it* or lose *it*. Love is the foundation of all other forms of good that we experience. Loving life, self, and others, generates confidence, empowerment, joy, generosity, service, good-will, humor, and health; however, love that is withheld, stifled, suppressed, and guarded appears to wither out of sight. Having no outlet, no expressed use, love has no life to sustain *it*, our natural endowments and gifts as human beings, and is, therefore, lost.

It is usually fear that prevents the use and of that which is valued, whether it is health, time, money, talents, confidence, time, or love. Ironically, the very fear of losing *it* is what keeps us from using *it*, and therefore, we lose *it*. The key to freedom from this fear of loss is in the realization that life's true gifts are limitless in nature. We need have no fear of "using *it* up" because the free and constructive use of any such good is self-generating, and only opens the way for more.

Our **annual business meeting**, electing our new officers, and voting on the proposed changes in our bylaws will be held during our May luncheon. Please be sure to review the bylaws online or included with this Academy Perspective if you do not have email.



ASP CALENDAR

Monday: May 11, 2009

- 9:00—11:15 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
- 9:30—11:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group in the Student Conference Room, (Webster Commons 1st Floor)
- 11:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room
- 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle service to the Sawyer Center parking lot
- 1:15—2:00 p.m. Administrative Council meeting: Faculty Lounge



Book Discussion Group *C. Dale German*

The May 11th book discussion on [The Shack](#) will focus on the theology of the book. If you did not attend the first discussion on [The Shack](#) it will still be easy to join in on the second discussion. Our first discussion was lively and enjoyable enough that those present requested a second discussion. All are welcome to join in on this final [Shack](#) discussion.

Luncheon Sponsors Welcome

Individuals may sponsor ASP luncheons in the 2009-2010 academic year as well as businesses, organizations, senior centers, hospitals, etc. Those persons who wish to sponsor a luncheon should contact Roy Dorris, ASP Treasurer at 789-3469 or email: rdorris11@cox.net

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of three daughters by the time she was 25. She did graduate work at Oklahoma City University and started teaching at Bethany HS where she taught speech, drama and English. She loved teaching and took a genuine interest in every student. Virjeane was a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and sang in the choir for over 40 years. She was predeceased by her husband, George, in 1977 and oldest daughter, Georgiana Bayles McDaniel and infant grandson in 1974. Two brothers, Charles W. Garrett II and Bob Garrett, also predeceased her. She is survived by daughters Melanie Cain and husband Robert of Bethany, OK; Paige Black and husband Steve of Oklahoma City; granddaughter, Jessica Todd and husband Jake of Piedmont; grandson Tanner Black of OKC and one great-grandson, Jaxon Todd. Funeral services were held on April 1 at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, with burial in Bethany Cemetery.