



Luncheon Speakers by **Conley Henderson**

After missing an entire year of Academy luncheon meetings due to Covid 19, the time is approaching when we will gather again to begin another school year of inspirational times together.



Monday, September 13, is the date for our first meeting. We will be privileged to have Jim Priest as our speaker to kick off the new year.

Mr. Priest is an attorney who worked as a trial lawyer for over thirty-four years. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma. He is also a member of multiple civic boards and previously served as the executive director of two other Oklahoma nonprofit organizations. Jim has had a long-standing passion to serve vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

For twenty years, Jim wrote a weekly column for *The Oklahoman* addressing issues relating to marriage, parenting, and families. A number of these articles were published in a book entitled *Family Talk*. Not only is it an interesting read, it would be most helpful, especially to young parents.

Besides being a writer, Jim is an avid reader and serves as a Sunday school teacher in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene. Above all, he has a relentless passion for God, his family and the people of Goodwill Industries.

Jim has been married to Diane for 43 years. They have two children, one namesake grandson and a dog named Jeter after a baseball player, retired Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter.

To See the Beauty Around Us

Give us open eyes, our Father,
to see the beauty all around us
and to see it in Thy handiwork.
Let all lovely things fill us
with gladness and let them lift
up our hearts in true worship.
Amen

- Unknown



LUNCHEON September 13, 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, September 9, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinicarley@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

Welcome Back Everyone!

It will be so great to be together again! To be in the know, please read all the fine print in this newsletter.

To start with, may I share some benefits of membership in SNU's Academy of Senior Professionals?

Leisure services

We can use the indoor walking track at the Sawyer Center.

SNU Fine Arts

All Fine Art events are free except for the Christmas Performance and the Spring Musical. This year, the musical will be "Into the Woods." Senior discounts are given for tickets to the Christmas Performance and Spring Musical.

SNU Bookstore

A 15% discount is yours at the SNU bookstore if you show your ASP nametag. Thus, the day to use this benefit is the day of our luncheons.

Campus Parking

No permit needed to park in any campus parking lot.

Dining Hall

ASP members pay "visitor" meal prices in the SNU Dining Hall.

Library

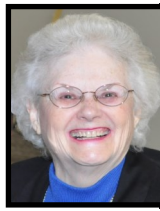
At the SNU library, ASP members can check out library books and have free access to the databases. Give your name to the circulation desk and tell them you are an ASP member.

Audit Classes

Start by going to snu.edu/apply
Fill out the application. Select "non degree seeking."
This is also where you will find the list of classes offered.

Free Shuttle Service

Ride the shuttle from Southern Plaza or the Sawyer Center north parking lot to the Commons for our luncheons



Meet Our Members
by
LaNell Stahl

Barbara Jones, a native Oklahoman, graduated from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City and has a master in ministry degree from SNU, as well as having done post graduate work at Stony Brook University in New York. She and her husband Kenneth have two sons and one daughter, along with five amazing, genius grandchildren.

Barbara and Kenneth were global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene, first in Peru and then in Paraguay as pioneer missionaries. After returning to the United States, they started the first Spanish speaking church in Brentwood, Long Island, New York.

"I have taught pre-school through university level, but my favorite job is teaching adult English language learners and ministerial training," stated Barbara. She currently works with the Bethany First Church - Southwest Native American District partnership as coordinator and instructor in their ministerial training program.

As an author, Barbara has written a missionary biography, *In the Footsteps of the Pioneers*, which is about Jane and Elvin Douglas, pioneer missionaries to the Aguaruna Indians in Peru. She co-authored an inspirational novel, *Anna's Song*, and has written and self-published several books for Spanish language teachers, primarily middle-school level.

Some of Barbara's favorite hobbies are gardening, reading and telling stories professionally, as well as just for fun. Currently she is vice-president of the Oklahoma state storytelling organization, Territory Tellers.

Kenneth was promoted to heaven August 3, 2021.



IN MEMORIAM

There will be a memorial moment at our first meeting to remember those we have lost since we last met:



LaWanda Allison

Milton Bates Jr.

J. Michael Crabtree

Harold Dozier

Syble George

Martin Grantham

Kenneth Dale Jones

Evelyn Keeton

James Long

Robert (Bob) Ogden

LaNeta Lynn Poole

Emma Jean Rushing

Paul Olaf Scheie

Wilma Snowbarger



SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

In this year's "SNU Connections" interviews at the monthly ASP meetings, we will hear from some key members of the university support staff. These are the people whose work that is often unheralded and even unnoticed allows this institution to carry out its mission "to make Christlike disciples through higher education in Christ-centered community."



Our September interviewee will be Ron Lester, SNU's executive director of facilities management. Ron has been employed by SNU for 25 years. However, Ron Lester's relationship with Southern Nazarene University began even earlier than 1996 because, after he graduated from Yukon High School, he was on the SNU campus in 1978 and 1980 as a student. Upon leaving SNU, he launched into a career as a professional painter. He eventually wound up running his own painting business that worked on a lot of high-end residential and commercial properties. Then, fifteen years after leaving SNU, Ron Lester wound up back here at his alma mater to supervise the paint department.

Over the years, Ron's responsibilities have expanded and expanded. Today, he leads a facilities management staff of more than 50 people who maintain, upgrade, operate, renovate and provide security for more than 50 university buildings. In addition to the buildings – that contain a total of almost one million square feet in them – Ron and his staff care for the landscaping and grounds maintenance of the 240 acres owned or leased by SNU. This responsibility includes the school's athletic fields and the equestrian center west of campus.

REMINDER:

ASP membership dues of \$20.00 should be paid at the September 13 luncheon. The monthly luncheon fee is \$6.00 which is subsidized by our sponsors.



2021-2022 Luncheon Sponsors

Sept 13, 2021: Legend at Council Road and Legend at Rivendell

Oct 11, 2021: Open

Nov 8, 2021: Floral 23 1/2; Open 1/2

Dec 13, 2021: Southern Plaza Retirement Community

Jan 17, 2022: Concordia Life Plan Community

Feb 14, 2022: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service

Mar 14, 2022: Open

Apr 11, 2022: Spanish Cove Life Care Retirement Community

May 9, 2022: Open

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Hal and Nancy Cauthron Jan 2019



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Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson



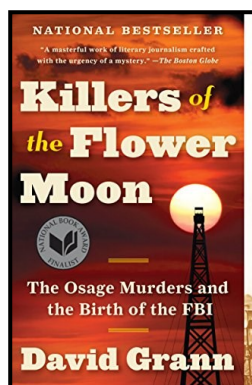
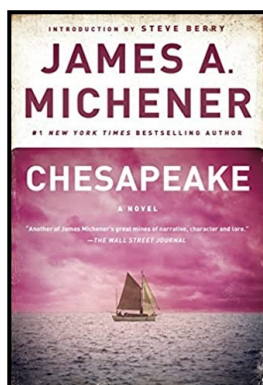
Music Notes
By
Renda Brumeloe

Although we are resuming in-person luncheons in September, book discussions this year will be held via Zoom at 1:30 on the first Monday of each month.

Thus, September 6, Labor Day, will be our first meeting of this school year. We have chosen the work of a classic author, James Michener, as our school-opening selection. Amazon describes *Chesapeake* as a work in which Michener "brings his grand epic tradition to bear on the four-hundred-year saga of America's Eastern Shore" In this book, Michener leads the reader through stories of various family groups from the early 1600s forward. What is your life's dream? Do you know of aspiration that your family history points to? Join us in exploring Michener's tome describing the events and visions of family groups that found more than just land on which to settle.

October's choice is a book set in Oklahoma, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann. The Metropolitan Library describes it thus: "A masterpiece of narrative non-fiction, set around an American crime and the birth of the FBI, a thrilling investigative account of a forgotten moment in history."

Some time ago, the musical "Oklahoma" has helped many to see some of the charm of our state. Oklahoma is soon going to find itself in the spotlight in movie theatres with the release of a film based on the book *Killers of the Flower Moon*. As you read the book, be prepared to assess some harsh realities about Oklahoma's history.



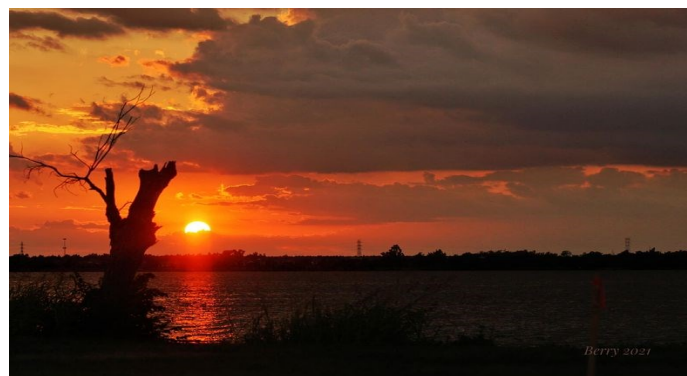
I am looking forward to the ASP meetings and lunches to begin again!

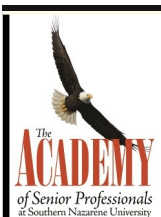
This year, as a way of supporting SNU at each monthly luncheon, we will invite and enjoy the musical talent of our students and available faculty as they learn and prepare their skills.

Music is a performance skill. We can support SNU students by providing them opportunities to perform, and by attending their solo recitals, dramas, comedies, band and ensemble events all through the school year. Most of these events are free of charge.

We will use The Academy Perspective to keep you advised of all these performances and public events throughout the year. So, get your calendars ready!

Let's get out of the house, and enjoy these events all year long with friends.





*“Sharing a
Continuous
Flight”*

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The Academy Perspective

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ASP Information

<http://asp.snu.edu>

SNU Sports Activities

Football Game information

[https://snuathletics.com/schedule.aspx?
path=football](https://snuathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=football)

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<https://snuathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=wsoc>

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<https://snuathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=msoc>



ASP Calendar

Monday September 13, 2021

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

[10:15 Southern Plaza]

11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the
Heritage Room of Webster Commons

1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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