

Making Missions a Two-Way Street By Walt and Linda Crow

Barbi Moore serves as Bethany First Church of the Nazarene Director of Global Outreach, coordinating the many aspects of the Swaziland Partnership. Barbi was with Heart to Heart International for more than 15 years.



Her varied background in international and church relations is beyond comprehension. Her organizational skills, love of people, heart for God, and dedication to the task make her a great fit for any compassionate project. Barbi Moore is well known in the world of compassion. She began her working career as a Medical Assistant and Office Nurse in San Diego CA. She served as the Vice-President of “I CARE” Ministries for Lorenz Creative Services in Lakewood, Colorado. She served as Project Coordinator for Dr. Gary Morsch and in that role she was Program Manager, Senior Vice-President of International Programs, Chief Advancement Officer and Legacy Officer. Her present joy and responsibility is to be the Director of Outreach at Bethany Church of the Nazarene. In 2014 she was presented the Doctor of Humane Letters by Southern Nazarene University.

Her compassion expresses the love of God and is extremely contagious. The people who accompany her on mission trips will never be the same. We cannot be with her without being infected with her love of God and concern for the need among the people we will be going to serve. If there is something lacking she will find a way to provide the resources. I am confident that she will impact the lives of everyone here today – If she hasn’t already changed your lives.

Barbi and her husband Harlan live in Oklahoma City.



Six Months In

Back in Swaziland from two months home in Bethany finds us more ready than we anticipated for doing what comes next.

While home we had multiple meetings regarding BFC’s Swaziland Partnership. We spent many hours with Barbi discussing the coming Go Teams, with Bill Dillard regarding construction of Siteki English Church and work at Manna Farms, with Tim Brown and Ann Loper regarding finances, a pleasant lunch with Pastor and Annette Harvey (Pastor Harvey is coming to Swaziland in March), Ellyn Marsh regarding Celebrate Recovery, SNU’s Joel Mullen coordinator for student mission teams, we skyped with pastors and laymen from Texas and California who are coming to Swaziland in March, and had a Saturday working breakfast with the BFC Swaziland Partnership Council who laid hands on and prayed for us. In our home we hosted the SNU student Go Team. Having all of these planning sessions after living in Swaziland four months has brought into focus not only what we have to do in our last six months but also where to go and whom to call on to get the jobs done.

So, after 20,000 miles round trip we are again in Manzini, Swaziland prepared for the work ahead.

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ASP LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9, 2015 begins at 11 AM in the Webster Commons, Heritage Room, on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Each month members receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by the Thursday before the Monday, **February 9, 2015** luncheon, you may RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net



President's Column

By

Arlita Harris

Making a Difference in the OKC Area

I'm taking a break from rating grant applications for Impact Oklahoma to write this article and tell you about the great work this group of women does for Oklahoma County non-profit organizations.

Impact Oklahoma is a community of women who pool their resources to give grants to charitable organizations working in the areas of family, health and wellness, community, education, and culture. Every member is a volunteer; there are no paid staff members. The members join by donating \$1,000 per year as a charitable contribution. The donated funds are then pooled and distributed in \$100,000 grants to Oklahoma and Canadian County non-profits who apply for the funds and describe their \$100,000 project needs. 100% of the money is spent each year on these grants; then we pool our money for the following year's project funds. The amount available for grants depends upon the amount of money donated that year.

Here are some of the projects that were funded by Impact Oklahoma in 2014 by last year's 215 members:

Genesis Kids was awarded \$100,000 to replace the kitchen where they serve 22,000 meals a year to 16 boys, ages 6-12, who have experienced traumatic emotional, physical, and sexual abuse throughout their childhood. The average Genesis boy is 7.5 years of age, has an IQ of 75, and has had 17 prior placements before coming to Genesis.

TEEM received another \$100,000 grant to provide one to one mentoring and job placement assistance to 200 women who return to Oklahoma County each year after imprisonment for non-violent offenses. TEEM helps them become healthy mothers, committed workers, and contributing community members and equips individuals to break the cycle of generational incarceration.

\$5,000 grants were given to Citizens Caring for Children, Women's Firststep, and Bring Back the Music. Citizens Caring for Children provides clothing and other essential and basic necessities to foster children who are removed from their homes due to serious abuse and neglect. Because they often must leave all of their personal belongings behind, CCC provides them with new clothing four times a year and a duffle bag filled with toiletries and other items.

Women's Firststep is a work recovery program for lifestyle changes for women who are homeless, have no job skills training, and want to recover from substance abuse. The project provides for parenting classes, anger management, life skills classes, GED, and a place for family birthday parties and holidays.

Bring Back the Music provides quality performing arts education to low income and disadvantaged students at five sites throughout the metro area.

Grant evaluation committees are now rating the 74 applications which have been received for the Impact Oklahoma grants to be distributed on April 16, 2015. All members are invited to be there to hear the stories from the recipient organizations.

Impact Oklahoma has a goal of reaching 500 members so we can give five \$100,000 grants each year. If you are interested in joining, go to www.impactok.org and join online or send your \$1,000 check to Impact Oklahoma, P. O. Box 20149, Oklahoma City, OK 73156. You'll be glad you did!



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From The Director's Corner

By
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

Marsha Petrie Sue Featured at February 2015 Peer Learning Network

On **Thursday, February 5, 2015**, SNU's Peer Learning Network will feature Marsha Petrie Sue, presenting *THE REACTOR FACTOR: Ethical Responses to Challenges in the Workplace*. This luncheon event will take place at **The Tower Hotel, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost for ASP members is \$20.00.**



Co-hosting this Peer Learning Network event is the OKC Chapter of OK Ethics.

Marsha Petrie Sue's interactive presentation will reveal valuable insights and ideas to help employees, teams and leaders attain a higher level of success while managing the economic and business situations in the real world. The magic ingredients are humor and fun to transfer this vital information into action for the participants.

A best-selling author of *Toxic People: Decontaminate Difficult People at Work Without Using Weapons or Duct Tape* and *The Reactor Factor: How to Handle Difficult Work Situations Without Going Nuclear*, Marsha Petrie Sue is also the author of several other resources including the award-winning book *The CEO of YOU: Leading YOURSELF to Success*.

The Peer Learning Network program is facilitated through the Zig Ziglar Center for Ethical Leadership at Southern Nazarene University, and is designed to help individuals acknowledge their capacity to lead, to build upon leadership skills, and to help motivate others to do extraordinary things.

To register contact: Eunice Trent, Phone: 405-491-6602 E-mail: etrent@snu.edu or online at: <https://webapps.snu.edu/secure/pln/event.asp?id=44>.

The SNU Connection

By
Jan and Paul Reinbold



As you heard in Dr. Gresham's update in December, SNU has an excellent Pre-Med Program. Our special guests from Southern Nazarene University in February and representing the SNU Pre-Med Program will be Dr. Jeff Griffitts, Assistant professor of biology and Director of QERC (Quetzal Education Research Center) in Costa Rica. Coming with Dr. Griffitts will be Tyler Lloyd, a senior pre-med, biology-chemistry major from OKC.



Morning Seminar

by
Michelle Jenkins



You heard her in November and Michelle is back for a new topic! Do you have some small spaces in your house that you don't know what to do with? ---Maybe on top of the refrigerator or above your cabinets? Just to name a few.

Look around and bring a list or a picture and we can talk about them and more! Don't miss this opportunity for ideas!



Creative, organized, common sense, out of the box thinker, space planner are all words that have been said to describe Michelle Jenkins. Michelle grew up in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She spent 33 years in Dallas in the fashion industry and then moved back to OKC. For 16 years she has been moving seniors as they downsize to assisted living or to a retirement community.

Come to the Academy of Senior Professionals meeting February 9, 9:30-10:30AM in the President's Dining Room to hear this informative plan and a time to create new ideas!



Obituaries

By
Vickie Sacket

LECIL BROWN

Lecil Brown was born January 4, 1927, in Augusta, Arkansas, to Forrest and Lester Brown. He passed from this life on January 1, 2015, three days short of his 88th birthday. As a young boy, his family moved to a farm near Letona, Arkansas, where he grew up.



Lecil joined the Merchant Marines during World War II and made several trips to Europe and Asia. After the war, he attended Bethany-Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University.) While there he met Glorene Faye Watt whom he married in August 1951, and they graduated the next May. For the next eight years they lived in Wichita, Kansas, where their four children were born. Lecil worked at Wichita State Bank and earned an M.A. Degree from Wichita State University. The family moved to Lakeland, Florida, in 1960 where he worked at Peoples Bank. While there, he earned degrees from the Florida Bankers Trust School at the University of Florida and the National Trust School at Northwestern University.

In 1978, they moved back to Bethany, Oklahoma, where they attended Bethany 1st Church of the Nazarene. Lecil worked as Director of Planned Giving at SNU. After retirement Lecil enjoyed traveling with Glorene, doing genealogy, driving cars for several dealerships, and meeting with his church coffee buddies.

Lecil was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Lynn, and his wife of 62 years, Glorene. He is survived by his children: Dr. Deborah Brown of Oklahoma City, Rhonda Brown of Bethany, Tim Brown (Darlene) of Bethany, and Edward Brown (Kathy) of Yukon. Lecil was a proud grandparent to four grandsons: Justin Brown (Lauren) of Bethany, Lee Brown (Bethany) of Yukon, Taylor Brown (Caleigh) of Bethany, and Alan Brown of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by four great-grandsons: Clint, Luke, Griffin, and Devo.

Lecil's funeral was held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on January 6, 2015, with interment at Bethany Cemetery.

In Memoriam

Joy Williams July 1941—October 2014

Joy was the middle child of Dr. R.T. Williams, Jr. and had been living in Oklahoma City for many years, and for the last 4 years she lived at Superbia Retirement Village. She had a son named Scott who passed away two years ago. She was moving to her new apartment in Midwest City, but had to have emergency surgery and did not survive. She will be missed by her many friends from Colorado and Oklahoma City. Joy is survived by her step mother Marianne Williams of Walla Walla, Washington, a sister M.E. Koehler of San Mateo, Ca. and a brother Roy T. Williams, III of Kansas City, Mo. She was always interested in education, and willed her body to Medical Science tissue donation. Information provided by Wally Brown.

Six Months In from page 1

The first four months were relationship building, learning our way around geographically, getting familiar with the culture, and seeing needs to relate back to Bethany.

The next six months we are here to do the coordinating for the coming Go Teams. Barbi and her secretary Pat Burton will do much of the coordinating from Bethany, i.e.: air and hotel reservations, state-side making sure everybody has passports, shots, that sort of thing. Over here we will be busy coordinating work sites, work teams, local transportation, restaurant reservations, meetings with pastors, district superintendents, churches, church dinners, Sunday services, and a myriad of miscellaneous minutia, all of which is vitally important for a flawless experience of those coming to Swaziland at personal financial and other expense to participate in BFC's Swaziland Partnership.

As the days fly by and the task before us unfolds I'll blog and let you know what we're doing, and how it is coming along.

One cannot be here in this capacity without being moved with compassion by the needs we see and the overwhelming love and giving from you back home. Whatever I write about the mechanics of coordinating, intrinsic to it all is the attempt to convey the spirit of love motivating all of us on both sides of the Atlantic, and I must say more than just Americans because help comes from Europe, Asia, Canada, and other places around the world.

The Swazi people repeatedly, sincerely, and emphatically want us to tell you how much they appreciate all our Partnership is doing to help them spiritually, physically, and relationally to be a well nation.

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ASP "Trek" Time

Pat Perry



Hola mi amigos,

I'm just practicing for my month in Cabo San Lucas. I'll miss the February meeting, but will be back for the March meeting. A nice group of ASP members went to see "Unbroken." It was very good and quite moving.

A little bit of an update, the date for the trip to the Bush Presidential library has been changed to Thursday, March 26th. If you haven't signed up for the trip in February and would still like to go, be prepared to sign up at the March meeting. The cost is \$119 plus \$5.00 for insurance. I know I'm looking forward to going, and hope you will join us.

Keep in mind the National Parks of America trip and the "Salute to Veterans" cruise in November.

Adios,
Pat
405-373-4157



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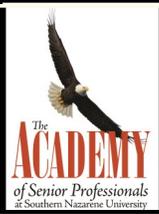
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ASP Calendar

Monday February 9, 2015
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 9:30 a.m. Morning Seminar
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room
 1:00-1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to parking lot
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Luncheon Themes
 by
Leonard Skodak

February’s Theme is Red and White for Valentine’s Day
 We will be celebrating ASP's 25th anniversary this year. If you would be willing to help or serve on a committee to work on the anniversary events please let me know either by e-mail (lensko@sbcglobal.net) or phone (943-9195 - home or 613-3373 - cell). I'll be looking forward to hearing from you. Also anyone with ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

