

SNU UPDATE –DECEMBER 8

Loren P. Gresham earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Pasadena College, (now Point Loma Nazarene University) in 1962. He continued studies at the University of Southern California earning the Master of Arts degree in international relations. In 1964, he married Linda Brown, a former classmate at Pasadena College and daughter of Dr. W. Shelburne Brown, president of the College.



In 1967, Loren, Linda and daughter Suzanne moved to Bethany, Oklahoma, where Gresham became professor of political science at Bethany Nazarene College. He resumed graduate studies in that discipline at the University of Oklahoma, completing the Ph.D. degree in 1973.

In 1985, Dr. Gresham became provost of Bethany Nazarene College. In 1989, the Board of Trustees elected Gresham president of the institution, now called Southern Nazarene University. This makes him not only the longest tenured president among the eight Nazarene institutions of higher education in North America but also the longest tenured President currently serving at any college or university in Oklahoma.

ASP luncheon begins at 11:00.

Dr. and Mrs. Gresham are hosting a reception at their home following the December luncheon. The shuttle will transport members to the Gresham home at 5000 NW 59th St, Oklahoma City and return to the Sawyer Parking Lot following the reception.

LUNCHEONS begin 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, December 8 luncheon, you may RSVP by emailing donlinicarlev@prodigy.net or by phone: 405-728-0515



And when it rains, it pours!

BFC coordinators are all brought home to Bethany to wait out the African summer rains in December and January. The rains coordinate with Christmas and New Year allowing us to truly be Home for the Holidays.

The first half of our year in Swaziland has been a busy time of learning our way around, knowing who does what, adapting to the culture, visiting the many projects of BFC's Partnership, making friends, and being the onsite people to do major and minor hands-on things; as major as purchasing materials or attending meetings and reporting back to Bethany, to minor things such as making sure a UPS package delivered to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital is hand carried across the station to the dental clinic.



When we return in January the assignment changes and quickens. Two Go Teams are coming from BFC and another from SNU. Before they arrive in Swaziland Barbi, her secretary Pat Burton, and others are working on their end for these teams as Emmalyn and I will be working on our end making sure every day and every detail is nailed down before the Teams arrive in the country.

Thank you for reading. What I've tried to do is give the folks back home a word picture of what BFC is doing here and what it is like to be on site coordinating it. It is a labor of love turned into one of my life's most fulfilling experiences!



President's Column

by

Arlita Harris

Christmas is NOT about Stuff!

As we were reminded at November's Morning Seminar, most of us have too much stuff. It's not just a generational fact. Most of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also have too much stuff.

Christmas is a time of giving, which too frequently turns our thoughts to how much stuff we can give and get. That's not what Christmas is about. I've been impressed this past few years by the families who have limited their children to four gifts: something they Want, something they Need, something to Wear, and something to Read. Others have changed the list to Read, Wear, Play, and Share. Gift-giving and receiving is then simplified and the focus can be on the true meaning of Christmas. Wouldn't it be fun to shop for something to read for your grandchild rather than the latest over-advertised toy on television?



Because I don't have children and don't appreciate stuff, I've enjoyed most the gifts that people have given in my name. Each year when I was at SNU, my library staff gave the gift of animals (chickens, ducks, rabbits, etc.) from the World Vision Catalog at <http://donate.worldvision.org/ways-to-give/gift-catalog>.

Their gift in my honor helped to feed and bring extra income to impoverished families in other countries.

I frequently give Kiva gift cards to colleagues and friends. www.kiva.org/gifts/kiva-cards. Kiva is a microfinance organization that empowers entrepreneurs around the world by loaning them \$25 (or more) to reach their goal. The person to whom you give a Kiva card can choose the country, gender, and type of business they want to support, read about the person needing the loan, and make a decision to apply their gift card to help that person. Kiva then reports back to the lender when monthly repayments are made, and, at the end of the loan period, the lender can claim their investment (with interest) or reinvest in another loan. I have invested in 46 small businesses to date and have given gifts to seven friends who have continued reinvesting my initial gift. I get so blessed when my Kiva payment statements arrive.



The opportunities to give in the name of others (or suggest that others give in your honor) are endless. Some with local needs are: The Children's Center, which has lists of their children's needs on Holiday Helpers <https://www.tccoke.org/giving/holiday-helpers>. Needs include diapers (they use 10,000 per week) as well as departmental equipment, toys, books, and specialty items. Angel Tree is sponsored by Prison Fellowship and provides gifts for the children of inmates. You may donate at <http://www.prisonfellowship.org/programs/angel-tree/>. Salvation Army's Red Kettles provide millions of dollars in assistance to needy families, seniors, and the homeless. One special way to celebrate holidays with your family is to serve Christmas or Thanksgiving dinners at the Salvation Army shelters or other holiday gatherings. Reaching Our City (ROC) and Love Link Ministries are two local ministries who always need a helping hand and funds to help the people of our area. I'm sure that you support others.



Bless others this Christmas as you are being blessed – and you won't have to find a place to put your gift after the holiday season is over.



Luncheon Themes

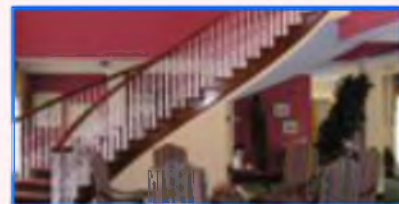
by

Leonard Skodak

What a wonderful ASP meeting we had on November 10th. We had some good participation for the monthly Asian theme. December should be 100% participation with the emphasis on Italian. HINT. HINT. The Italian flag colors are red, white, and green.



DECEMBER 8 LUNCHEON SPONSOR Southern Plaza



ASP "Trek" Time

Pat Perry



Dear ASP Members,

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with Family and Friends, and are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas season.

As far as trips go, we would like to plan an outing in early January for lunch and a movie. Arlita's suggestion of "Unbroken" sounds great, and I will give you the details as soon as we know where it will be playing.

The trip to the Bush Library in Dallas has been postponed until March 19th, 2015. I'll start taking sign-ups at the next meeting. Please pick up a brochure for the National Parks of America trip May 20th - 21st, 2015 or give me a call and I will mail you one. Book by mid January for the "Early Savings Discount" for a wonderful trip to include many of our beautiful National Parks in i.e. Sedona, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore and much more.

Our speaker for the November meeting, Pastor Dan Fisher put on a wonderful program. I am in the process of obtaining information on the tour he spoke about for those who want to learn more about the Black Robed Regiment and enjoy some wonderful history.

Please consider the "Salute to Veterans Cruise" November 8-15, 2015. It will be a great way to honor our Veterans and have a good time. Brochures are available.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for trips, please let me know.

Merry Christmas,

Pat

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NOVEMBER 2014—NEW MEMBERS

Top-Bottom, Left-Right

Pat Aldredge, April Black, Howard and Barbara Culbertson, Harry Herrera, Michelle Jenkins, Joy Pauley, Virginia Eichor, Tabitha Pope, Anita Power



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ASP Calendar

Monday December 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot
 (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage
 Room
 1:15 p.m. Shuttle to Dr. Gresham's home for reception
 2:00 p.m. Shuttle returns to Sawyer lot

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