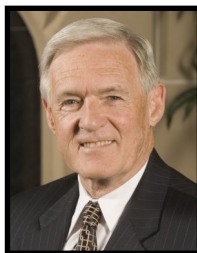




Programs
By
Shirley Mears

SNU President Loren Gresham
By Bill McCloud



Our December luncheon speaker is Dr. Loren Gresham. He is serving in his 50th year at SNU where he has been the school's president for the last 28 years.

Over these years, the campus has changed dramatically. However, its mission has never wavered. Physically, the university campus has a very unique and special beauty. Academically, SNU was honored this year as being ranked as the **"Best College in Oklahoma"** by *Money* magazine. Gresham's leadership and care for faculty, staff and students is legendary among his national peers and within the Nazarene denomination. He will be missed when he retires next summer.

Dr. Gresham still amazes people by attending just about every student event on campus. He also teaches a leadership class of 40 students during the week. He and his wife Linda have made SNU "home" to thousands of alumni that are now scattered around the globe, influencing communities for Christ. The impact that Dr. Gresham has had on countless individuals, his community, church and the world is one that will never be forgotten.

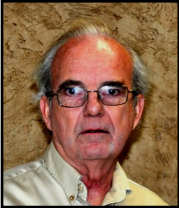
The Academy of Senior Professionals
Cordially Invites You to Our
Annual Dessert Holiday Party
At the Gresham home:
5000 NW 59th Street
Monday, December 12
1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.



The SNU shuttle will take ASP members and guests to Dr. and Mrs. Gresham's home. At 2:45 p.m. the shuttle will return the members back to the SNU campus.

OUR LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 12, begins at 11 am 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 10. RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.



President's Column
By
Howard Culbertson

My life has been intertwined a bit with the career of this month's luncheon speaker. Dr. Loren Gresham came to SNU to teach in the fall of 1967. That was my senior year at SNU. Loren became university president in the fall of 1989. That was the start of my second year teaching missions at SNU.

One of the first things Loren Gresham did as president was to ask me to be university chaplain. I served in that capacity for four years in addition to teaching missions. The second year of his presidency, Dr. Gresham asked me to take the reins of Commission Unto Mexico, a university-sponsored mission trip to Mexico over the New Year's holiday. It was to be my responsibility for the next 24 years.

We all have special Christmas memories. Barbara and I were married December 19, 1968. On Christmas Day, we were honeymooning in Brownsville, TX. Our tree was a tiny artificial one sitting on a table in our Travelodge room.

Another treasured Christmas moment was the year we traveled north from Florence, Italy to Switzerland where we spent Christmas with ASP members Walter and Linda Crow on the campus of what was then European Nazarene Bible College near Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

Sponsoring our luncheon this month is Southern Plaza Retirement Community., a place said by my wife Barbara to be SNU's "senior dorm."

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Luncheon Themes
By
Genese Gunter

Wow, our December meeting is here!

This CHRISTMAS-THEMED luncheon is always a favorite! It's that time again. So go to the back of your closet and find that "UGLY" Christmas – themed sweater for women and "UGLY" Christmas-themed tie for men. Our colors are Christmas red, Christmas green, royal blue and winter white. Borrow a sweater or tie if you must.

Let's all show up in fun, silly (gaudy, yes that too) Christmas sweaters and ties. Life is short. Let this be fun for you. Release your inner child. Brighten someone's life with your childlike spirit!

See you all in December!



**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.





The Director's Corner
By
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

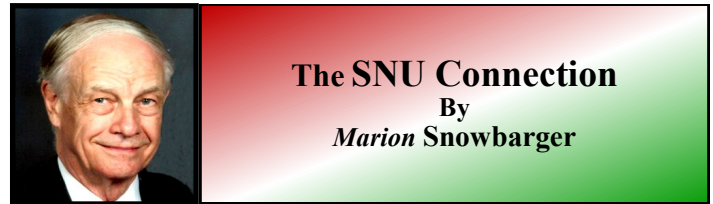
SNU Expands Its Alumni Connection

The SNU University Advancement team has just unveiled new online software for the alumni section of the SNU website. (<http://community.snu.edu/alumni>).

Southern Nazarene University alumni can now go online to add or update personal contact information. They can decide whether or not their data is to be shared. They can register for upcoming events with an online shopping cart style format, make donations or elect to receive *Direction* magazine, SNU's quarterly alumni publication

This has been made possible through the purchase of software from Blackbaud NetCommunity. That Charleston, S.C. company is one of the leading fundraising software providers for nonprofits. They are perhaps best known for their Rasier's Edge software. This new software program will enable complete visibility into and control of SNU's alumni marketing efforts.

Todd Brant, Executive Director of University Advancement, says "SNU is incredibly dependent on maintaining a quality relationship with its alumni, both from a giving and from an event participation standpoint. This new software allows us to establish new connectivity information and maintain it long term. It will dramatically upgrade the way that we have operated in years past."



The SNU Connection
By
Marion Snowbarger

Guest Columnist: Corbin Taggart, Director of Archives

Two years ago, I began a digitization project embracing all recorded media held by the Fred Floyd Archives. Each record album, audio reel and video would have to be transferred in real-time and monitored by the operator. This meant listening to hours upon hours of music. As a former music major, I thoroughly enjoyed the work!

Digitizing the collection has been made possible by a generous donation from Dulan Elder, Class of '75. His interest in preserving the legacy of Collegiate Quartets provided the necessary equipment to transfer the entire audio collection. The Collegiate Quartet Collection debuted online at the *Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library* last year (www.whdl.org/).

Recently, I transferred a collection of Christmas music. After finding dusty albums and audio reels, I began listening to several unique recordings including *Handel's Messiah* which was formerly an annual community tradition; You can hear excerpts at the December ASP luncheon. After each item is transferred, the original is placed in acid-free, temperature controlled storage. The digital copies have been placed online at www.whdl.org/

Without the donation of Mr. Elder, I would not have been able to preserve these recordings through digitization. Digitization plays a huge part in the preservation of archival material for future generations, since the physical copies of the material will not last forever, regardless of the best archival storage.

I am thankful for my role in helping fulfill the dream of Dr. Paul Gray to create a space where our SNU history and heritage would be preserved and appreciated. It is my hope that these recordings will evoke pleasant memories and help us reflect on Christ's love and faithfulness throughout our history, and especially during this holiday season.



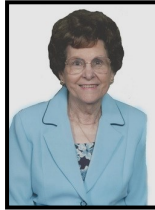


Obituaries

By
Vickie Sacket

MARY EVELYN MILLER

Mary Evelyn Miller was born in Paris, Texas, on August 5, 1927, and died on November 9, 2016. She grew up in Ada, Oklahoma, and studied home economics at what is now East Central State University. She married George A. Miller in Ada on June 11, 1948. She served her family as a wife, mother, and homemaker.



Mary Evelyn was a long-time member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, where she served many years as a volunteer with Senior Adult Ministries.

Mary Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Cora and John Cox, and siblings Elba Jean Latham and John Robert Cox. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, George; sister, Lee Ann Duyck; her children, Ed Miller and wife Lori, John Miller and wife Becky, Bob Miller and wife Karen, and Mary Ann Mosshart and husband Rod; grandchildren Shae Miller-Saint Armour, Blake Miller, Quinn Miller, Heather Miller-Coleman, Hannah Leffler, Kathryn Miller, John Michael Miller, David Miller, Kelsey Miller, Lainey Miller, Celeste Miller, Evan Mosshart, Braden Mosshart, and Morgan Campbell; great-grandchildren, Kaelyn Miller, Kendal Coleman, Max and Ellis Mosshart

Due to homecoming activities at Southern Nazarene University, the funeral service for Mary Evelyn was held at First Baptist Church of Bethany on November 12.



*Emmalyn German and
Eula Mae Neuenschwander
will provide music at the
December luncheon.*

MAURINE DICKERSON

Maurine Dickerson was born on July 2, 1921, and passed away on October 18, 2016. Maurine graduated from Bethany-Peniel College (now SNU) and received a MA degree in English from Oklahoma State University, a MLS degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma and an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Mid-America Nazarene University.



She taught English in Mutual, OK, at Bethany Nazarene College, and at Mid-America Nazarene College. She also served as the director of the library at Mid-America. At her retirement in 1986, the Technical Services Department in the Mabee Library was named in her honor.

After retiring, Maurine served as a missionary at European Nazarene College in Switzerland/Germany for five years. She later volunteered in Nazarene Bible School libraries in Trinidad, Swaziland, England, and the Indian Bible College in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Maurine also set up a field library for the Regional Office in Lisbon, Portugal. She later helped to develop a library at the District Center of the Church of the Nazarene in Mandeville, Jamaica. She also taught English as a Second Language with the Educational and Cultural Interactions Institute in OKC.

From 1998 until it closed in 2014, Maurine faithfully served as librarian at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene where she was a member. She was also a member of the Association of Retired Ministers and Missionaries, the Academy of Senior Professionals, and three honor societies.

Maurine was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Dickerson; her brothers, Artis and Darrell Dickerson, and her sister, Marjorie Shellenberger. She is survived by her brother-in-law Dr. Elmer Shellenberger; nephews, Dr. Kent Shellenberger and wife Stephanie, Ed Dickerson and wife Dixie, Milton Dickerson and wife Diane, and Don Dickerson; nieces, Rev. Susie Shellenberger and Dr. Lindakay Rees and husband Nevon; great-nephews, Scott, Brett, and Matt Shellenberger; and her beloved cousins Grant and Evelyn Keeton.

A memorial service was held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on October 24, 2016.



Catherine Zoller
"Ouch, God, That Hurts"



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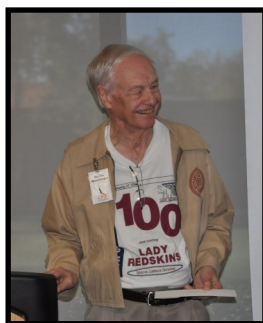
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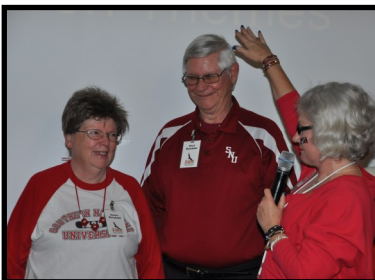
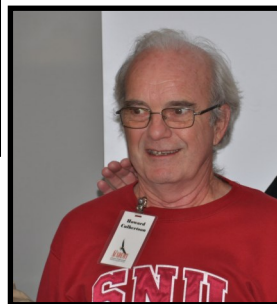
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Luncheon Audience



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Roy Dorris;
Right: Howard Culbertson
Bottom, Jan and Paul Reinbolt
Left: Marion Snowbarger





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ASP Calendar

Monday December 12, 2016

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

**** No Morning Seminar in December ****

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room

1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the Gresham reception

2:45 p.m. Shuttle will return to the SNU campus parking lot



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