



## Programs By Shirley Mears

### “How to Win Respect and Influence Others by Doing NOTHING!”

The Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) luncheon speaker on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> will be Donna Rynda of **Make It Matter!**



She is a:

- Professional-Development Training Specialist
- Program Design Consultant
- People-Skills Seminar Presenter
- Motivational Speaker
- Cross-Country Traveling Trainer
- Facilitator of Fun

Donna enjoys sharing ideas with others who want to learn new ways to communicate. She is a corporate trainer and speaker *par excellence*. A long list of organizations have had Donna as their workshop leader, conference presenter or keynote speaker.

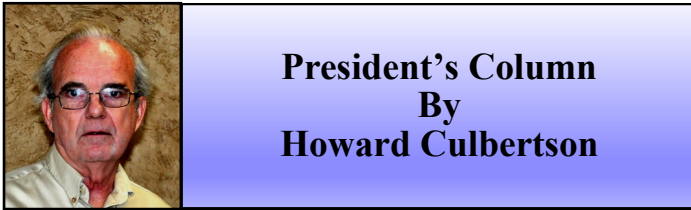
Donna will be sharing the well-known but hard-to-follow concept that effective communication has more to do with listening than with speaking.

She named her company **Make It Matter!** because she considers that to be her personal goal and professional commitment. Learn more at her website, <http://make-it-matter.net/>.



OUR LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 9, begins at 11 am in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call asking you to respond. If you have not received a call by Thursday, January 5. RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing [donlincarley@prodigy.net](mailto: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**

**Saying "Thank You" to the Greshams**

Loren Gresham was president of SNU when education and business professor Elbert Overholt began to dream about what became the Academy of Senior Professionals. Dr. Gresham encouraged the formation of the organization.



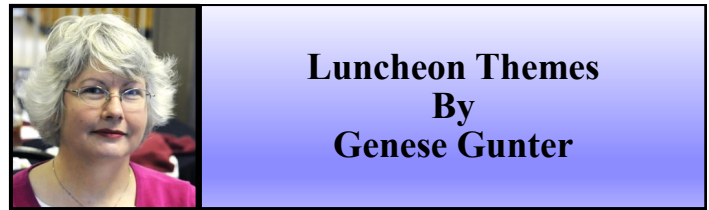
For two and half decades, Loren Gresham has been a staunch supporter of ASP. He is now in his final six months as president of the university. Suggestion: Write a thank you note to Loren and Linda for all they've done for ASP.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Retirees (which most of you are) are a great resource of volunteer labor for churches, schools, non-profit organizations and overseas cross-cultural missionary work. Your volunteer hours will make a difference!

Check out RSVP (405-605-3110). It's a networking organization through which some current ASP members volunteer their time.

Or, consider Love Link Ministries, a Nazarene compassionate ministry center located in the historic NuWay building at N. Western and Linwood Boulevard (405-239-6219). That organization needs volunteers to staff its food pantry and thrift store ministries. Love Link was represented at our December luncheon by program director Sarah Green. She fell in love with the ministry while giving some of her time there during her student years at SNU.



**Luncheon Themes  
By  
Genese Gunter**

**2017 Is Here!**

Is everyone ready for our new year? 2017 will be a great year of interesting and fun lunch themes to participate in. I am excited and appreciate all who dress accordingly. You inspire me to gather "prizes" to share with all our winners. So keep up the good participation!



**January's Theme is "LET IT SNOW"!**

Let us hope for a clear day to sport our warm snow gear. I'm looking for scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, muffs, and boots in shades of white, shades of blue, and bright prints.

Who has color-coordinated snow gear? What about whimsical printed gear? Who can dress the most creatively? Let's ALL participate and make it hard to choose a winner.

Again thank you to everyone that has participated! I'll be looking for each of you at January's meeting! Let's make this year our best year yet!

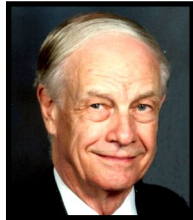
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- ◆ Grady Bohannon
- ◆ Norman Gaines
- ◆ Carolyn Lovelady
- ◆ Waulea Rinegar
- ◆ Allen Moore
- ◆ Pauline Victory

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



**The SNU Connection**  
**By**  
**Marion Snowbarger**

### Happy 2017 New Year

**H**appiness depends upon your outlook on life.

Find the good in all situations.

**A**ttitude is just as important as ability.

Keep your attitude positive.

**P**assion, find yours this year!

Do what you love and you will never work.

**P**ositive thoughts make everything easier.

Stay focused and stay positive.

**Y**ou are unique with special gifts; use them.

Never forget you have talent.

**N**ew beginnings with a new year.

**E**nthusiasm, a true secret of success.

**W**ishes, may they turn into goals.

**Y**ears go by too quickly, enjoy them.

Wisdom from your elders, listen.

**E**nergy, may you have lots of it.

Take care of yourself.

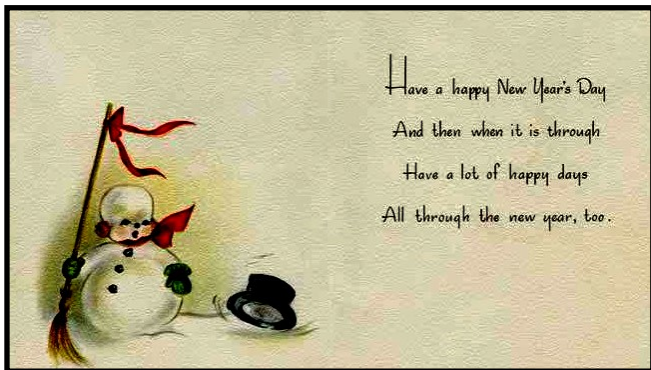
**A**ppreciation of life, don't take it for granted.

Live each day.

**R**elax, take the time to relax in this coming year.

Keep a balance in your life

— Author unknown



Have a happy New Year's Day  
And then when it is through  
Have a lot of happy days  
All through the new year, too.

### Who Is Dr. Fred Floyd?

Who is Fred Floyd? How can we say that he lives in the *present* day?

Yes, he *was* born December 2, 1900 in Donaldsonville, GA.

He *was* married to Lillian Harden in 1927 and they *were* parents of three children.

Dr. Floyd's SNU Connection began in 1932 when he moved his family to Bethany to be a college professor.

In the *past* tense, Fred Floyd served the school now known as SNU as History Department Chairman, Dean of Men, and Dean of Students. He was also the faculty sponsor for five different graduating classes.

Academically, Dr. Floyd wrote his dissertation at OU on the history of the Dust Bowl. He taught primarily on Oklahoma and American history. His teaching specialty was the Civil War period.

Finally, Fred Floyd lived his last days in a Bethany nursing home and died in 1989.

This is the story of the amazing man who donated his extensive historical artifact collection to establish the SNU Archives which eventually came to bear his name. For that reason, we can say that the Fred Floyd name and legacy lives on in the *present* tense!

### Help The Fred Floyd Legacy Live Today!

How many ASP members crossed paths with Dr. Fred Floyd? Did you? If so, help us remember him. What memories could you share? Do you have mementos or artifacts? Can we display them as part of the SNU Connection moment in our January meeting?

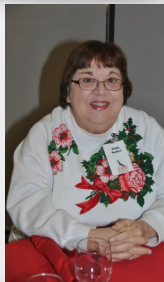
Call or email me about your Fred Floyd memories that could be shared in our upcoming luncheon. Thanks in advance for your input.

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**DECEMBER CHRISTMAS-  
THEMED LUNCHEON  
PICTURES  
BY HAL SWINHART**





Morning Seminar  
By  
Arlita Harris

Kent Shellenberger  
Superintendent of Bethany Public Schools

Dr. Kent Shellenberger will lead our January 9th Morning Seminar at 9:30 a.m. in the President’s Dining Room on the third floor of the Commons.



Dr. Shellenberger has been the Superintendent of Bethany Public Schools since 1997. He has 42 years of service in public education. He started his career with the Yukon Public School District as a business teacher/coach and then served in the same capacity at Putnam City North. He entered school administration in 1985 and served with Yukon and Putnam City before he came to Bethany.

During his service at Bethany, the school district has received many honors and accolades. The elementary school received the assessment of A in the 2015-16 A-F School Grading System of the State Department of Education. BPS students have attained success with state and federal mandated testing. ACT scores have consistently been higher than state, regional, and national averages. Bethany is looked upon as a school of choice for many students and parents in the greater Oklahoma City area.

Dr. Shellenberger has received numerous awards. He was selected in 2003 as the Oklahoma School Administrator of the Year. He has been elected to the national governing board of American Association of School Administrators, was chosen to be President of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators, and in 2014 was inducted into the Northwest Chamber Hall of Fame and Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame.

His topic for the seminar is “Inspiring Excellence in the Bethany Public Schools.”



Book Discussion  
By  
Barbara Culbertson

February Book Discussion  
*The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of Those who survived the Great American Dust bowl*  
by Timothy Egan

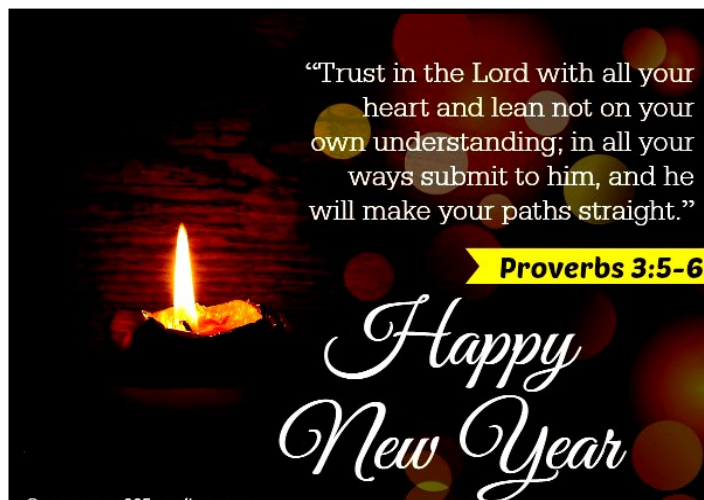
Goodreads.com says, “In an era that promises ever-greater natural disasters, *The Worst Hard Time* is ‘arguably the best nonfiction book yet’ (*Austin Statesman Journal*) on the greatest environmental disaster ever to be visited upon our land.”



Goodreads additionally calls this book a “critically acclaimed account . . . of an iconic chapter of American history from the shadows in a *tour de force* of historical reportage of” the Dust Bowl. These “storms that terrorized the High Plains . . . were like nothing ever seen before or since.”

Following a dozen families and their communities , Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failures, and the deaths of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, Egan does equal justice to ‘the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect.’ (*New York Times*).”

Join us on **February 13** to discuss this era which has so critically influenced especially our area of the country.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Happy  
New Year



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**ASP Calendar**

Monday January 9, 2017

- 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 Service to the parking lot
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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