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Speakers By Rosalynn Wade

The speaker for our April 13 ASP luncheon will be Charlie Hanger, retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper and Noble County Sheriff.

Charlie began his law enforcement career in 1972 as a dispatcher for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. In 1976, he was accepted into the OHP Training Academy in Oklahoma City and, upon graduation, was assigned to the Noble County Detachment of Troop-K.

During his career, Charlie was recognized for outstanding work in Driving Under the Influence and Drug Enforcement programs. He was a member of the first Joint Drug Interdiction Team composed of OHP Troopers, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Officers, and canines.

On April 19th, 1995, Charlie made the arrest of his career. As a result of a routine traffic stop, Tim McVeigh, one of the individuals responsible for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, was taken into custody.

McVeigh had yet to be named as a suspect in the bombing. Just over an hour after the bombing, Hanger pulled McVeigh over for driving without a license plate. He then found that McVeigh was carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Two days later, just hours before McVeigh was to be released from jail in Perry, authorities named him as a perpetrator of the OKC bombing. In 1998, Charlie was promoted to the rank of 2nd

Lieutenant and assigned as a supervisor for Osage and Pawnee Counties in Troop-K. In 2000, Charlie transferred to "Special Operations Troop" as a supervisor over the Criminal Interdiction Unit. Charlie's eight troopers and canines worked the northern half of the state, including the panhandle, searching for wanted individuals and drug traffickers.

From July 2000 to December 2004, in addition to arresting numerous wanted individuals, the unit made the following seizures:

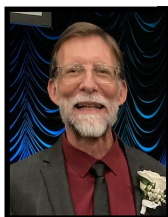
20,566 pounds of Marijuana
1,562 pounds of Cocaine
325 pounds of Methamphetamine
\$26 million in U.S. Currency

After his retirement from the Highway Patrol, Charlie began a new law enforcement career as the sheriff of Noble County, where he served for sixteen years.

In 2025, in honor of Hanger's actions in the arrest of Timothy McVeigh, a section of I-35 was designated the "Trooper Charlie Hanger Honorary Mile." It's at the spot where he arrested McVeigh, mile marker 202.

The ASP luncheon on April 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 been contacted by Wednesday, April 8 you can RSVP to 405-517-3364 or by emailing emmalyncg@hotmail.com. Cancellations may be made by phone or email.



President's Column by Dave Bucher

We eat out on occasion. Usually, it's fast food with a coupon or by using an app to minimize the cost. Sometimes we splurge and go somewhere nice where we are shown to our table by the hostess, have the night's special explained, and are generally treated like we're special. We like to be served.

Jesus talked about service. For Him, it was something we do rather than what we receive. Remember how He spoke about social status: "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first" and "Whatever is done to the least of these. . ." There's also the vivid picture of the Master washing the feet of the disciples.

There are beautiful examples in my bank of memories: A lieutenant colonel working alongside enlisted men to set up for and clean up after a church potluck. A retired SNU professor cleaning toilets at a district meeting. A group of elderly ladies making and selling quilts to reduce their church's debt so more could be given to missions.

The Academy of Senior Professionals is a service organization. Yes, we eat a nice lunch and have entertaining and informative speakers, but the bottom line is we exist to serve, to do what we can to facilitate the university's mission to make Christlike disciples through higher education.

We serve by organizing and packaging the SWAG (stuff we all give away) for the alumni office, being ushers at graduation and baccalaureate, and assisting with new student move-ins. We serve by contributing on Giving Tuesday. We serve by leaving something to the university in our wills. We serve when we acknowledge students we pass on the sidewalk. We serve when we lift the students, faculty, and staff in prayer.

Your service is an act of worship, honoring the Lord by caring for those He loves.



Book Discussion by Barbara Culbertson

April showers . . . April in Paris . . . Did you know the song "April in Paris" is kind of a hoax? April is not a really nice time, weather-wise, in Paris. But lyric writer E.Y. Harburg couldn't find words that rhymed with the more pleasant months, so we dreamily sing about a fantasy. To get out of fantasyland, our April 6 Tsundokuan book discussion will be centered on a tome by Bob Goff, *Undistracted*. The book's website says:

"Through the pithy and inspiring storytelling that has endeared him to millions, . . . Bob Goff invites you to laugh with more gusto, dream with more confidence, and love with more intention in this disarming call to live Undistracted."

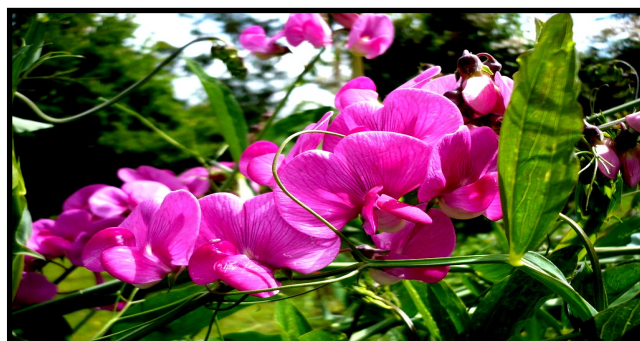
Find the book online (there's also a video series) or at the library.

"Red and Yellow, Black and White . . . they are precious in his sight. . ." I never have understood why God didn't make people actually those vibrant colors. But wait—maybe He did! We'll talk about that at our Tsundokuan book discussion on May 4 with the historical fiction, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*.

It's the story of a woman named Cussy, with blue (actually *blue!*) skin, and the Kentucky Pack Horse library service. The back cover of the book gives this glimpse into the content :

"Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the complex and hardscrabble Kentuckians . . . [but along the way she must] confront dangers and prejudice as old as the Appalachians, and suspicion as deep as the holler."

Has this whetted your appetite? You can find the book in multiple formats through the Metropolitan Library system.





The stone was rolled, the night made bright,
As dawn broke through with heaven's light.
The garden hushed, then angels sang—
The chains of death no longer rang.

The cross once marked a place of grief,
But now it blooms with hope's relief.
For Christ has risen—grace unfurled,
A gift of life for all the world.

So lift your eyes, let praises ring,
Rejoice in Him, our risen King.
For every heart that seeks His face
Finds endless love and boundless grace.

Anonymous

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April 13, Spanish Cove Retirement
Village
Attn: Jill Huff

APRIL CALENDAR



At our April luncheon we will elect
next year's ASP officers. Contact
Dave Bucher for further information.



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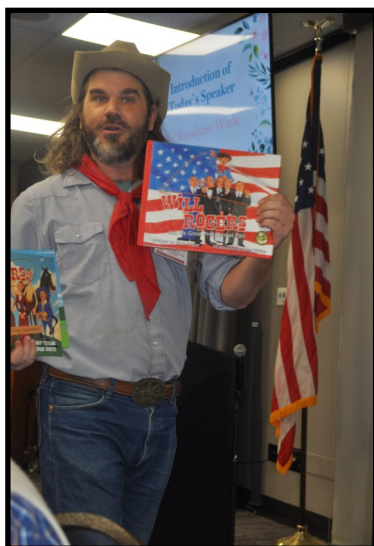
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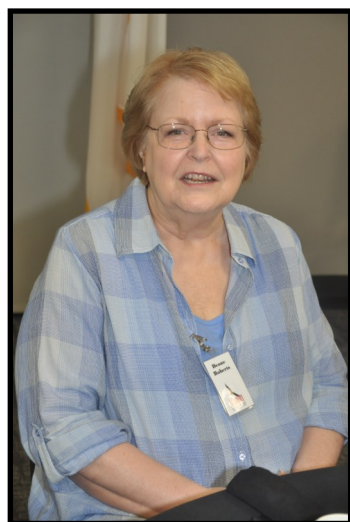
The designated parking lot has changed. It is just
west of Bethany First Nazarene Church at the corner of
NW 41st and Mueller. The SNU bus will
meet you there and return you following the ASP
luncheon.



Academy Re-Views by Hal Swinhart



In March, Bart Taylor, a two-time Oklahoma Museum Association Award-winning educator and the Will Rogers Interpreter at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum. He has written three children's books about Will Rogers. Bart's goal is to connect people to our history.



Deone Roberts

Terry Smith





Volunteerism by LaNell Stahl

Volunteers are special people who share the talents and gifts God has given them. For example, I give thanks for the nine volunteers who joined me in writing prayer postcards to young people we may never meet in person, but have shared a prayer with them as they attend the Nazarene Youth Congress (NYC) to be held in Salt Lake City in June. How special is that!

Research by clinical social worker Angela Thoreson showed that volunteering offers significant health benefits. Volunteer activities keep people moving and thinking. That improves physical and mental health and leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety, especially for people 65 and older. She noted that volunteering provides a sense of purpose and enables older helpers to experience increases in life satisfaction. Additionally, volunteering offers opportunities for social interaction as we make new friends and strengthen existing friendships.

Each year, SNU invites us to volunteer on campus. When we do, we feel blessed to have a part in helping SNU reach out to students, to alumni scattered across the U.S.A., and to community entities. We are not all graduates of SNU. As we wrote the postcards, I was informed that at least five of the ten writers were not Nazarenes when they were growing up. Over the years they have become involved with SNU and enjoy serving as ASP volunteers, seeking to make a difference in the lives of others.

If you have not yet volunteered on campus, I hope that you will. The volunteer program has much to offer you, and you have much to offer it. What a deal! Just remember: Come when you can. Leave when you must, and there's no guilt if you can't help.



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APR 10 Jazz Band Concert
Herrick 7 PM

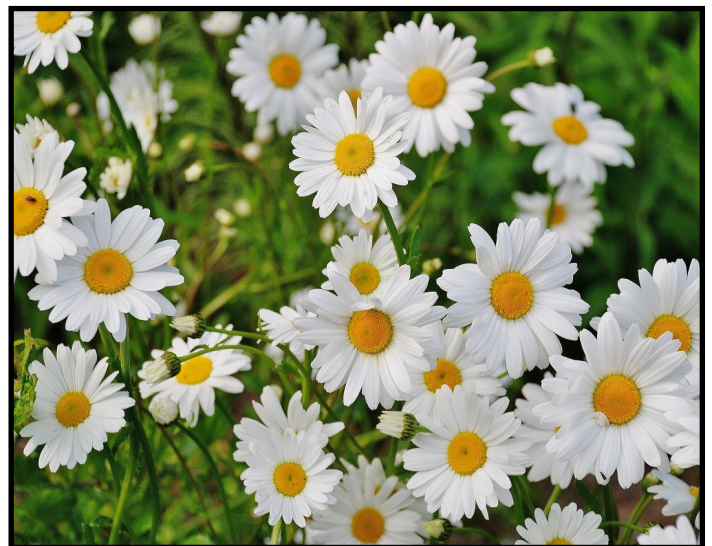
APR 11 SNU Honor Band Concert
Guest Conductor JaRod Hall
Herrick 5:30 PM

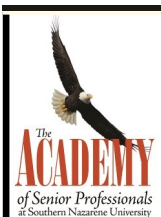
APR 13 Vocal Jazz Festival Concert
Guest Artist Christine Guter &
SNU University Singers
Herrick 7:30 PM

APR 14 Clarinet & Brass Ensemble Concert
Cantrell 7 PM

APR 21 SNU Choral Concert
Cantrell 7 PM

APR 23 Symphonic Band Concert
Herrick 7 PM





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Monday April 13, 2026

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the BFC parking lot (41st and Mueller) to the Webster Commons.

10:15 Southern Plaza Shuttle

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

1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lots and Southern Plaza

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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