

Speakers By Helen Ann Bucher

Our October speaker will be Marilyn Stark. Stark was elected as an Oklahoma State Representative in November 2018. The district she serves, District 100 includes portions of Bethany, Warr Acres, and northwest Oklahoma City. She is in the middle of her fourth term.



Rep Stark serves as Vice Chair of the Public Health Committee and is on the Administrative Rules, Health and Human Services Oversight, and A&B Human Services Committees. She is an NCSL Maternal Child Health Fellow and serves on the National Conference of State Legislators' Health and Health & Human Services Standing Committees.

Stark has an eclectic background that centers on serving people. She is a 1980 graduate of Southern Nazarene University with a degree in Chemistry and Biology. In 1984, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing with a BSN. She is a registered nurse who has worked in intensive care for over 15 years. She has served 20 years in the faith-based non-profit world where she was involved with the working poor, unemployed, seniors, and disabled.

She has worked with the homeless, people with addictions, and with men just getting out of prison. In addition, she worked with seniors at Villages OKC, Inc. and with Tenaciously Teal, a nonprofit that offers support to cancer patients.

As the Executive Director of Love Link Ministries, she worked on issues involving property zoning, building renovation, and solving EPA/DEQ-related

problems. Marilyn also served for three months as the Interim Director of the Reaching Our City ministry.

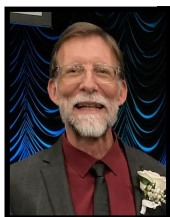
Rep. Stark has spent her life advocating for others and sees her current role as advocating for her constituents and the state of Oklahoma. You can follow her on Facebook at "Stark For House Rep."



Giving Tuesday is on December 2nd. Please think about how you want to participate. More details will be provided in the November TAP.

The ASP luncheon on October 13 begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

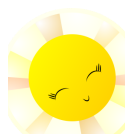
Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not been contacted by Wednesday, October 8, you can RSVP to 405-517-3364 or by emailing emmalyncg@hotmail.com. Cancellations may be made by phone or email.



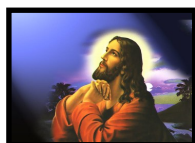
President's Column by Dave Bucher

Though we need some sunshine to be healthy, it is possible to get too much of it. During winter time, we can spend most of the day in the sun without sunscreen and receive only enough exposure for vitamin D formation and for calcium uptake for strong bones. Then, maybe there was that day in the summer when we lost track of time at the lake without sunscreen resulting in a blistering sunburn. And there could be that doctor's visit when we receive a diagnosis of skin cancer.

We all have "sunny" people in our lives where time with them may not be the highlight of our week, but we're not going to fake the flu to get away from them. They may be a bit brusque, but with a little grace, we can tolerate them for even extended times. But what can we do for those people who produce social sunburns in minutes or, over time, ruin relationships with their cancerous toxicity?



I would suggest prayer. Have a talk with Jesus. Tell Him all about your troubles. He may not be able to change those people. They have made choices, and He will honor those choices. However, I have found that the Lord provides grace. Sometimes it's through that deep, settled inner peace. Other times, I have been blessed with someone who serves as an angelic umbrella, providing protection against an onslaught of mean-spiritedness. And then there are times the Lord reminds me that I don't have to fight in every battle. Retreat is an option.



And, of course, as always, when seeking solutions, I need to check to see if I'm a part of the problem.

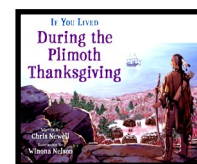


Book Discussion by Barbara Culbertson

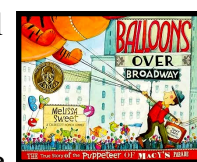
Join us on November 3 as we explore three children's books about Thanksgiving. They are short and easy to read, and you will find them delightful.

Through 1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving, Catherine Grace gives us a glance into the events of that first festival we now call Thanksgiving. As the Wampanoag people came to celebrate with the European colonists, did they have an inkling that their festivities might still be celebrated in 2025?

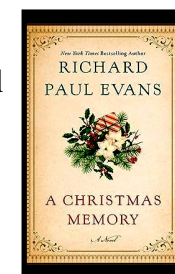
If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving tries to pique children's interest with a question-and-answer format. Let it do that for you as well.



Then, what parade could be more well known than the one by Macy's that kicks off the Christmas season? In *Balloons Over Broadway*, award-winning artist Melissa Sweet "tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America--the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" (description from Metro Library).



Although I don't think my house will be decorated this year like the winter-wonderland it's been in years past, I'll still enjoy that gorgeous, merry, and sacred time of Christmas. So, on Dec. 1, we will discuss *A Christmas Memory*. It's by Richard Paul Evans, an author known as the "King of Christmas fiction." He delves into his childhood memories when his world seemed to be falling apart. His book will remind us that even in the darkest of times, the light of hope can still shine.



Never joined our book discussions? Now is a good time to start! We generally meet the first Monday of the month at 2 pm online on Zoom. We send email reminders that include the URL code.



Obituaries
by
Emmalyn German

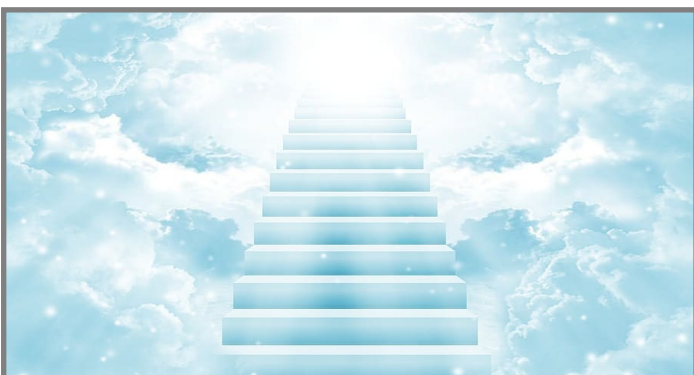
Eunice Vanda Bettes Robinson was born February 16, 1935 in Oklahoma City, OK to Van G. and Bessie G. Hinkle Bettes. She passed away September 12, 2025 in Yukon, OK.



Eunice married Casey Robinson on August 24, 1955 in Norman, OK. She received a B.S. in secondary education and an M.S. in counseling and guidance from the University of Oklahoma, as well as an M.S. in adult education from the University of Central Oklahoma. Her professional career included teaching at the elementary and high school levels, selling real estate, and developing curriculum guides for education. In addition, she was a school counselor and managed private real estate property.

Eunice was a member of Oklahoma Children under Six, National Association of Public-School Counselors, National Association of English Teachers, and National Association of Teachers of Consumer Science. She was president of OHEA and a Phi Beta Kappa member. In addition, she served in many areas at Bethany First Nazarene Church. She and her husband traveled to several areas of the world in association with his research at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Casey Robinson. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Troha (husband Phillip), son, Dr. Kent A. Robinson and son, Dr. Brian L. Robinson (wife Pauline)



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Helen Keller stated, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” That is true on many levels.

In September, ASP members put SNU Band labels on 3,000 water bottles for the SNU Band to distribute at the Oklahoma State Fair.

In terms of what Helen Keller said, I thought about all the hands that helped with the task. It takes about an hour to put labels on 40 water bottles, averaging 1½ minutes per bottle. To do the 75 cases of water would have taken one person almost two weeks of eight hours a day to accomplish the task.

There were twelve ASP members and 9 students from the SNU girls’ basketball team who put labels on 1,000 bottles and were done under one and a half hours. That is 21 people doing 25 cases in that time. We repeated that activity the following week finishing 50 more cases of water.

We accomplished several things with the volunteer activities. We interacted with the students who came to help. We got to know who they are, where they are from and why they chose SNU. The coach connected with us and was pleased to hear that his team had made a difference in our lives by helping us accomplish the task set before us. We also interacted with band students who helped and the SNU Band Director who was appreciative for our help in the band’s efforts to advertise the band program during the State Fair.

I encourage each of you to volunteer when you can. Homecoming will be in November. That means plenty more opportunities to help!



Fall 2025 Schedule

October 10 Jazz Band and University Singers
Concert, outside on the corner of 39th & Peniel,
7:00 pm, Free Admission. (Bad weather—
Herrick Auditorium)

October 14, Faculty and Student Piano Duet
Concert, Cantrell 7:00 pm, Free Admission

October 24, Organ Concert in honor of Eleanor
Whitsett, Cantrell, 7:00 pm, Free admission

October 26, Festival of Hymns—Calvary Church of
the Nazarene, 3100 N. Rockwell, 6:00 pm,
Free Admission

*Nov 6-7, Fall Musical: White Christmas,
Cantrell, 7:00 pm

*Nov 8, Fall Musical: White Christmas
Cantrell, 2 pm

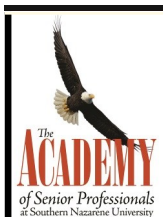
Nov 13, Night of Opera, Cantrell, 7:00 pm,
Free Admission

Nov 20, Clarinet Choir & Brass Ensemble Concert,
Cantrell, 7:00 pm, Free Admission

*Dec 1-2, Sounds of Christmas, Bethany First
Church of the Nazarene Atrium 6789 NW
39th Expressway, Bethany, OK 7:00 pm

*Purchase tickets at snu.booktix.com





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Monday October 13, 2025

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

10:15 Southern Plaza Shuttle

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

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1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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