

Speakers

Our September luncheon speaker will be Timothy Neville-Lee an architect from London, England. He studied architecture at DeMontfort University in Leicester, and after qualifying, joined the London-based firm of Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM). The company was formed by the four partners as a reaction to the prevailing post-modern architecture of the early '90s.



Timothy was drawn to AHMM's simple, pragmatic design approach while still in college, and was delighted when the opportunity arose to join them in 2005.

He had acquired diverse experience in office, retail, residential, leisure, and healthcare sectors. In 2012 he answered a call to relocate to Oklahoma. By chance, the firm had developed connections in Oklahoma City, and had decided to pursue opportunities there.

Since the firm arrived here, they have completed over 30 projects, and Timothy has been involved in most of them, including Mosaic apartments and OKSea in Deep Deuce, Block 13 office building and Condos at the Wheeler District, Bob Moore Auto Group HQ, The Plow building in Bricktown, 8th Street Market, Social Capital, Central Exchange, and most recently The Citizen building at 5th and Robinson.

Timothy is married with two children. When not designing buildings, he spends his time sitting at a piano, mostly for his own pleasure, but occasionally playing with the jazz band called Katie and the Elements, which he formed in 2014. Otherwise, he en-

joys exploring Oklahoma with his family and finding attractive places to hike.

Reminders from the ASP Treasurer:

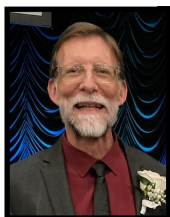


Our dues are the same as last year. Dues of \$25 are payable at our September meeting (or October, if you are not able to attend in September). The luncheon cost has increased to \$10.00 payable at the time of the meal.

If you indicate that you plan to attend a luncheon and then have to miss it, it is requested that you pay for the cost at the next meeting. ASP must pay SNU Dining for each person planning to attend, so we need to cover that cost.

ASP luncheon on September 8 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, September 3, 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**

The Try Angle

As professionals, over the years, we have all been tasked to answer questions, solve problems, and cast visions.

While we could fill libraries with the plethora of managerial advice, critical thinking approaches, and scientific inquiry outlines, I suggest that they all have a common approach that can be described as the "Try Angle." That's a problem-solving mindset that emphasizes persistence, perspective, and creative thinking.

You can research, brainstorm, or network for as long as you like, but eventually, to actually get anything done, you have to try something. Whether it's a base hit or a home run, you have to swing the bat. A journey starts with a step. An omelet starts with a broken egg. You have to pull the trigger to have a chance of hitting the target.

"Try Angle" means approaching problems with a dynamic mindset: It means looking for another angle to try. Rather than being discouraged by failure, "Try Angle" thrives on exploration and adaptability. In essence, you keep trying from new angles until a solution emerges.

Is there something that has been cooking on the back of the stove of your brain? Maybe today's the day you serve it up.



**Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson**

It's almost Fall, but to finish off Summer in September, ASP luncheons have returned. Yay! Food! And we also continue our Tsundokuan book discussions (we are, of course, so dedicated that we continued through the summer).

Looking into the fall, we return to a fiction author, Debbie Macomber, with *The Best is Yet to Come*. The publisher says

"When a woman alone in the world bravely chooses to open her heart, two lost souls have a new chance at belonging. . . A new . . . is exactly what Hope Godwin needs after the death of her twin brother. There are plenty of distractions, [but] something is still missing for Hope. That is, until her landlord convinces her to . . ."

You'll have to read the book to find out what happens! The book is available at the library, also in large print! See you on October 6.



"Attention is the rarest and purest form
of generosity"

Simone Weil
French philosopher
1909-1943



**Obituaries
by
Emmalyn German**

Melva Jean (Karns) Ladd, 98, passed away on July 3, 2025, at Spanish Cove Retirement Village.

Jean Ladd was born on March 9, 1927, in a farmhouse near Kingsdown, Kansas. Jean and her older sister, Colleen, attended the Church of the Nazarene and public school in Ford, Kansas. Growing up, Jean lived through scarlet fever, World War II rationing, and the Dust Bowl.

Jean graduated from high school in 1944 and in 1948 earned a BS degree in Business Education at what is now Southern Nazarene University. She was high school valedictorian and college marshal.

During college she met and later married Forrest E. Ladd, Jr. Jean taught business at public schools in Garden City and Perry, Kansas, and at Miltonvale Wesleyan College in Kansas.

When she and Forrest moved to Bethany in 1955, she became the accountant for the Bethany Book Store. She was its manager from 1971 to 1994. She was an active part of Bethany Main Street planning and received an alumni award from the SNU School of Business in 2006.

Forrest and Jean were married almost 75 years. They raised one daughter, Gwen Ellen (Ladd) Hackler.

Jean was an active member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, where she sponsored a girls' Caravan troop for several years and served on the missionary council.

Jean enjoyed working on the computer, organizing paperwork, proofreading, and editing. Forrest and Jean moved to Spanish Cove Retirement Village, Yukon, in 2001.



After retirement, Jean pursued genealogy research, investigating and writing the histories of her mother's (Dawson) family and her father's (Karns) families, then her husband's (Stillwell and Ladd) families.

Surviving family members include husband Forrest E. Ladd, Jr. of Yukon, daughter and zson-in-law Gwen Ellen (Ladd) Hackler and Donald Raymond Hackler, Jr.

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**Academy Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart**



ASP COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

JULY 2025



ASP VOLUNTEERS

LABELING WATER BOTTLES



Volunteerism by LaNell Stal

The 2025-2026 school year has begun and so has the fun.

Eighteen volunteers gathered at Breese Hall on August 1 to put SNU labels on 1,440 water bottles, puncturing only two bottles in the process. We've embraced the idea of service to others and that gives us life, joy, and a reason to be involved in others' lives.

Since August 1, we've placed labels in Bibles and written 440 personal notes to be inserted into those Bibles, along with a list of local churches. The Bibles were distributed during the New Student Institute after the morning worship service at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to the preparation activities, we greeted parents and students, handed out water bottles during the Water Brigade, and found other opportunities to interact with students on campus.

As the year progresses, there will be more opportunities to volunteer. I encourage our members to continue volunteering. If you haven't tried it yet, now would be a good time to begin. You will need to submit the background check application and be approved before you can volunteer. The university requires this of any volunteer.

Contact LaNell at 928-853-4908 if you have questions or need assistance with submitting the application.

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." -DeAnn Hollis



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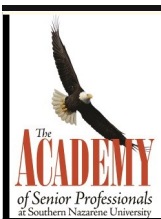


International Day of Peace **September 21**

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21st. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Let us all create Peace Day every day!





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ASP Calendar

Monday September 8, 2025

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from 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

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

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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