

Program
by
Conley Henderson

The May ASP meeting is going to be an event to which you should invite a guest. I am excited about our speaker or rather speakers for that Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon. The reason? Our speakers will be the author and the subject of a fascinating book titled *The Chance: The True Story of One Girl's Journey to Freedom*.

Muoi Quan (now known as Lisa Cheng) left war-torn Vietnam very suddenly in 1979 without her parents and with only the clothes she was wearing. She was just twelve years old. She was only nine as she watched in horror as the city of Saigon fell to the Communists. A year later, the military invaded her home and destroyed her family's medicine business. Subsequently, she was able to escape her home country. She eventually landed in the US where her final destination became Oklahoma City.



Along the way, Lisa Cheng suffered intense fear, sorrows, and struggles. Today, she expresses gratitude for "the chance" to become an American citizen. Currently, she is the owner/operator of Airway Travel in north Oklahoma City where she lives with her family.

Bruce Baker is a retired IT executive and middle-school English teacher who lives in the Oklahoma City area with his wife Deborah. His short stories have been



published in *Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem* and *Too Well Away Literary Journal*. He is also the author of two narrative non-fiction memoirs of Vietnam natives. One is the story of Lisa Cheng. The other is titled *Faith Through Trial, a True Story of Hope and Survival*.

SNU AWARDED OKLAHOMA HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT

Southern Nazarene University has been awarded a grant through the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program. The grant of just over \$14,000 is for a project titled "*Preserving and Making Accessible Recordings at Risk*." Over 450 audio and video recordings will be made accessible through the university's library catalogue.

The Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program is a grants-in-aid program offered by the Oklahoma Historical Society with a goal of encouraging the collection, preservation and sharing of Oklahoma history.

ASP luncheon on May 9 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 received a call by Thursday, May 5, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

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



President's Column
by
Emmalyn German

Finally

My husband and I have been in the process of finalizing his latest book. We keep calling the document the final copy – only to find another glitch that needs to be corrected.

Finally, I have taken the step and had my first cataract operation. Finally, I can now read our bedroom clock with my right eye. Finally, I can see the players in the orchestra – even the edges of the violin bows are sharp, not fuzzy!

Finally, we have come to the end of the ASP year with our May 9 luncheon.

Finally, we will hear from a much-anticipated speaker, Bruce Baker, author of *The Chance*. You have received invitations to invite a friend to our May meeting. Did you finally do it? Do it today! Have you read *The Chance* by Lisa Cheng and Bruce Baker? If not, purchase one at our luncheon so you can finally do that.

Finally, we have come to the month where we hold elections for ASP officers for the new 2022-2023 year.

Finally, I want to say I have enjoyed working with your Administrative Council this year. I appreciate all the work each one has done! Thanks a million!

Be sure to pick up an ASP directory to take home so you can keep in touch until September when we will finally meet again.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.”-- Philippians 4:8



Meet Our Members
by
LaNell Stahl

ASP member Karen Litteral was born in Ohio and lived in Austin, Texas until her father was hired to teach at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma. Karen loved her time in Austin because she got free tickets to attend the University of Texas games.



After high school, Karen attended Oklahoma State University for two years and transferred to the University of Oklahoma to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) degree. In addition, she holds a School Library Media Specialist Certificate from the Oklahoma Department of Education.

Karen has a vast amount of experience. “Over my career, I taught three year old children through twelfth grade students, including summer school. In addition to teaching, I worked for the Metropolitan Library for twenty years. I actually worked in both systems simultaneously for ten years.”

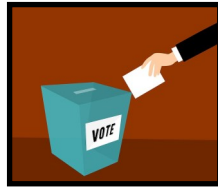
Karen has one son, two granddaughters, and one grandson. She is happy that they live about a mile from her so she gets to spend many hours and days with them.

“The highlight of my life,” shared Karen, “was getting to spend several days in the Library of Congress Reading Room and archives while visiting Washington, DC. My hobbies include playing the piano, singing in the choir, and tracing my family tree and history through genealogy. I also enjoy traveling with the Putnam City Travel Club, being involved in my neighborhood association, and being with my three grandchildren.”



Annual Elections

We will elect next year's council members at our May luncheon. You will vote for President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Member Representatives.



The current council has approved a recommendation to increase luncheon fees, annual dues, monthly sponsorship fees, and pay a monthly speaker an honorarium. The ASP bylaws require a vote of the membership to make these changes. Treasurer, Frank Dewey will report on why these changes are needed.

Linda Carly will formally introduce our newest members. Be sure to give them a warm welcome.



SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

Our interviewee for the SNU Connections moments in the May luncheon will be Ashley Armstrong, the director of Southern Nazarene University's Student Health Center. She was supposed to be with us in January, but school cancellations prevented that.



Ashley is herself a graduate of SNU, having graduated with a multidisciplinary degree in business and nursing. She did her course requirements at Oklahoma State University to be licensed as a Registered Nurse. After getting her R.N. license, she spent 13 years working as a nurse for Integris Health. During part of that time, she also worked as a school nurse for Mustang Public Schools.

Last spring, Ashley Armstrong came to SNU to be the director of the Student Health Center. That center has a walk-in clinic on the bottom floor of the Commons building (directly under the Heritage Room where we meet for our luncheon meetings). It also uses space on the main floor of the Commons for a COVID testing center.

The Student Health Center aims to provide primary care and health education to students (and even to faculty and staff). The Health Center functions as a division of Student Life. Directed by a registered nurse who reports directly to Executive Vice President Mike Redwine, the center has had a higher profile than normal during the COVID-19 pandemic period. The center got especially busy when students, professors and staff returned to campus after having been away for breaks and therefore all had to submit to COVID tests.



2021-2022 Luncheon Sponsors

- Sept 13, 2021: United Pharmacy of Yukon
- Oct 11, 2021: Legend at Council Road and Legend at Rivendell
- Nov 8, 2021: Floral 23 1/2; Open 1/2
- Dec 13, 2021: Southern Plaza Retirement Community
- Jan 17, 2022: Concordia Life Plan Community
- Feb 14, 2022: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
- Mar 14, 2022: Integris Hospice
- Apr 11, 2022: Spanish Cove Life Care Retirement Community
- May 9, 2022: First Bethany Bank and Trust

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April Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart



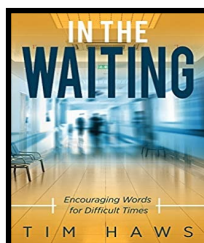
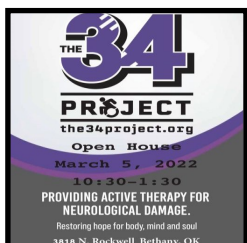
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**Luncheon Speaker Tim Haws,
the 34 Project, and his book**



Misty Jagers



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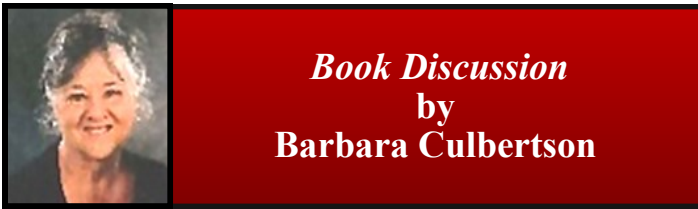
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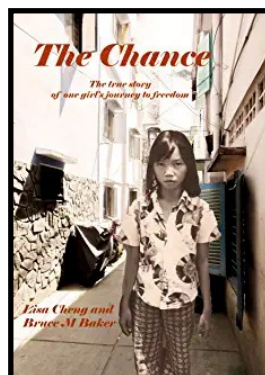
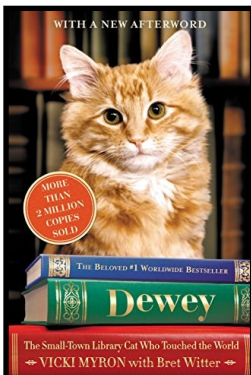
Our May ASP luncheon promises us Tsundokuan an extra-special treat with the speaker being Bruce Baker, co-author of our May non-fiction book. Told from the eyes of a young girl (who will also be at the May luncheon), *The Chance* tells about a girl's escape from Vietnam following the Communist take-over. The book is not available from the library but Emmalyn German has copies. Contact her to borrow one (405-517-3364).

Because of a conflict with the Oklahoma Nazarene District Assembly, our May book discussion has a date change. Rather than our usual Monday meeting, we will meet at 2 p.m. **Tuesday, May 3.**

Although ASP luncheons are not held during the summer, we Tsundokuan will continue book discussions via Zoom on the first Monday of each month. Watch for an email with the Zoom URL link.

For June 6, we will discuss the entertaining book *Dewey: the small-town library cat who touched the world* by Vicki Myron. Frank Dewey, one of our faithful Tsundokuan, recommended this book.

By the way, I don't know if Frank's family is named after the cat or if the cat is named after his family. The cat, whose full name is "Dewey Readmore Books", is the feline in residence at the Spencer (Iowa) Public Library. A Wikipedia article about the book tries to answers questions such as: Is Dewey still alive? Was it a real cat? Was the book made into a movie? The library has numerous copies of *Dewey*.



ALL THINGS MUSIC

The family of long-time ASP member Wally Brown has made available one of his music CDs in which he performs on the organs of Oral Roberts University. Pick up a copy at our May luncheon.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

ASP members have an opportunity to connect with SNU students by sending a birthday note to them. We will meet at the Marchant Building on campus beginning Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m. The university will provide all of the supplies and mail the cards. We just need to show up, write the notes, enjoy being together and make a positive difference in some students' lives.



We have been asked to be there every Friday at 10 a.m., even during the summer. Come join us. Everyone is welcome. Since there is an elevator in the building, you won't have to climb stairs.



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Flight”*

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ASP Calendar

Monday May 9, 2021

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the
 Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the
 Webster Commons.
 10:15 Southern Plaza
 11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the
 Heritage Room of Webster Commons
 1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot
 1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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