

“The party of life” will be featured by Amy Rollins at the April 9 ASP luncheon

by Shirley Mears

The ASP luncheon speaker for this month is Amy Rollins whose specialty is masterminding parties with intriguing themes which extend the gamut by including the following:

- hosting a formal dinner with business associates in attendance, and the only rule is no one can talk “business”
- moving all the living room furniture to the front yard then serving a picnic on the living room floor
- hosting a funeral planning party, and
- providing a sit-down dinner for 20 guests who were strangers prior to that evening.



Amy Rollins

Amy, who has a Master of Arts Degree in Communication, is a Graduate of Oklahoma State University. As the youngest of four daughters, Amy was reared in Oklahoma City where she now lives with her husband, Ralph.

Her professional background includes over 20 years in corporate public relations, event planning, fund-raising, local marketing, television and radio advertising, speech writing, and a variety of other communication-related activities.

Since 1994, Amy has ventured into a number of entrepreneurial activities including 15 years as a licensed real estate broker and owner/operator of multi-unit residential properties. In 2004, the Rollins purchased an historic property formerly known as Keller in the Kastle. Reopened and expanded as Castle Falls Special Events Center and home to Jutta’s Keller German Restaurant.

This new venture specializes in weddings, business meetings, and corporate parties.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Amy Rollins on Monday, April 9. The buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the SNU campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Important luncheon reservation information:

- **Members:** If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers, then please call Mrs. Shirley Pelley, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 405.354.3853
- **Guests:** Please RSVP by calling Dr. Elbert Overholt, ASP Co-Director, at 405.789.2036
- **All:**
 - The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00.
 - Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, April 5.
 - To cancel a reservation, please call Dr. Overholt at 405.789.2036

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- **April: Compton Orthopedic Service**



Your president's point of view:
by Jack David Arnold

**Pity is intellectual concern,
while compassion is heartfelt love**

None knows the weight of another's burden.

--George Herbert

We all carry our past with us. Sometimes it is very visible, as visible as the faces we pass in the streets; however, usually it is hidden from all but the most discerning eyes. We cannot know what has happened in another's life, unless we have truly walked in that person's shoes.

So often it is easier to judge others quickly and be done with it. "I would never have made that decision!" "She's hopeless." "He'll never amount to anything!" We have all found ourselves espousing that kind of doubtful wisdom.

Unfortunately, that kind of "justice" is self-fulfilling; it closes the door of understanding between one individual and another. It is only through seeking to understand one another from the heart that we can learn compassion.

Compassion and its component virtues, such as charity, generosity, hospitality, kindness, and unselfishness are complex. According to Thomas Merton (1915-1968), American clergyman and author, "The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living things, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

We must understand the difference between *pity* and *compassion*. To feel pity is to maintain one's own secure position as one looks down with cool detachment upon another's misery. To have compassion is to share the pain of another by entering into that anguish and assuming it as one's own. **Pity is a matter of intellectual concern, while compassion is a matter of heartfelt love.**

In John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, the protagonist Christian fell into a Slough of Despond on his way to the Celestial City, and while he called out in fear, desperation, and misery as he was sinking in the miry clay, one came to him whose name was **Helpful**. He drew Christian out of the Slough and set his feet on solid ground to stay.

Like Christian, I fell into my Slough of Despond in 1979. When John Barleycorn, a namesake for alcoholism, had just about defeated me, God sent compassionate persons to me who had a heartfelt love for me and drew me out of my Slough.

Sheriff Jack Poe treated me kindly when he arrested me for driving while intoxicated on the River Road and placed me in a safe, comfortable office in the Waterproof, Louisiana jail. Sybil and Dale LaPlue of Newellton, Louisiana, got me out of the jail and took me to their lovely home on a bayou until I sobered up for about a week. The LaPlues called my partner, Homer Dale Windham, in Jackson, Mississippi, and he found the Harbor House for me in Jackson where "God did for me what I could not do for myself."

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I call Jack Poe, Sybil and Dale LaPlue, and Homer Dale Windham my **Helpfuls** because they were compassionate to me as they "shared my pain by entering into my anguish and assumed it as their own." With God's and their help, I took my last drink of alcohol on May 15, 1983, and have been "happy, joyous, and free" as a sober man for 23 years.

"Spiritual energy," according to the contemporary American writer Christina Baldwin "brings compassion into the real world. With compassion we see benevolently our own human condition and the condition of our fellow beings. We drop prejudice. We withhold judgment."

The story of the Good Samaritan is a beautiful example of compassion. After a man asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with an illustration: "A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes and money, beat him up, and left him dead beside the road.

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ASP PICS

PICTURES BY EDITH SONNEVIK PAYNE



↑ Shirley Mears introduces program



↑ Eunice Khoury, Speaker (Khoury Insurance Agency)



↑ Edwin Compton & Shirley San Filippo (Compton Orthopedic Services)



↑ Elbert Overholt (ASP Co-director) ↑ James Hill (Teal Ridge Center)



↑ Betty Jean Brannan, Guest



↑ Joan Dozier, Guest



↑ Marcia and Martin Grantham



↑ Ron Mercer, new ASP member



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↑ Gigi Montgomery (Teal Ridge Resident)



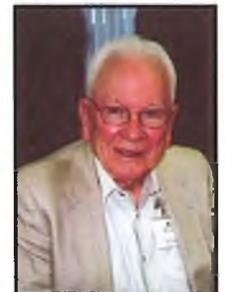
↑ Cab & Marvel Brewer (Teal Ridge Residents)



↑ Lera Cecil (Teal Ridge Resident)



↑ Ruby Doolin (Teal Ridge Resident)



↑ Bill Geist (Teal Ridge Resident)



News to Use

by Shirley Mears

Amazing Grace, the Movie

John Newton transported thousands of men, women and children from Africa to the auction block. As captain of a slave trading ship he profited from the brutal abuse of helpless victims of tribal warfare. Captives were warehoused awaiting transport to the West Indies or the American Colonies. Although John Newton experienced the life of slavery himself, once he had the opportunity to profit from that socially excepted practice he saw no reason not to.

John Newton had a very short introduction to the God of his mother. She passed away when he was a child. He grew up and joined the work of his father as a ships captain. During a desperately violent storm his ship was about to sink, Newton, remembering the teachings of his mother, fell to his knees and begged God for mercy. As the storm subsided he began to believe that there was a God in heaven who hears and answers prayers.

Amazing Grace, the movie, is available in local theatres. Hollywood is doing a better job of giving us movies that have positive values. The best way to encourage them is by "putting your money where your mouth is". Cast your vote by paying full price for 1st run movies that share your values.

Focus on the Family applauded this movie with their review on their website, www.family.org. Information on the movie can be found at www.amazinggracethemovie.com.



**Have you ever been lost?
How about lost and late?
How about lost and late and you
are the main speaker for a very
important group?**

That has happened to two of our speakers. I would imagine there are several persons of the illustrious ASP group with hearts of gold that would enjoy getting to know our speakers or guests by visiting with them by phone and planning on meeting them in the ASP designated parking lot and helping them to get to our beautiful lunchroom. Call **Shirley Mears at 514-8108** or email: shirley@connectionsite.org to volunteer.



Library Resources

by Bea Flinner

Unsung Heroines: Single Mothers and the American Dream

by Ruth Sidell

While searching for an appropriate book for an issue of *The Perspective*, this one caught my attention, and I could not get away from it. Why? I really do not know, except that in recent years and even months, I have met, heard of, or read about so many single mothers who fit the picture. It seems to me that the numbers in this category in the United States are escalating quickly! Economic and social conditions are major factors of concern. A third factor relates to the welfare needs.

Even though there are numerous reasons for girls, and/or women becoming part of this huge revelation of statistics, it does not mean that there aren't many needs manifested, nor does it preclude the idea that women should not share an interest in reaching out and helping if and when we can—or until other people become aware and concerned. Even though the reasons for the untold numbers of single girls and women are legion, the fact remains that the needs ARE great—and real, and someone will have to help meet them! It appears that there is no pat answer, but I do encourage the reading (or the scanning) of this book—at least for awareness.

SNU CONCERT CALENDAR

Apr. 19, 2007

Thursday, **SNU Men's & Women's Choruses Concert**

(SNU Cantrell Music Hall, 7:30 pm)

Apr 20 - Apr 21, 2007

Friday and Saturday, **SNU University Singers Concert**

Tickets: \$3; Call 491-6345 to purchase tickets
(SNU Herrick Auditorium, 7:30 pm)

Apr. 24, 2007

Tuesday, **SNU Chorale Concert**

(SNU Cantrell Music Hall, 7:30 pm)

Apr. 26, 2007

Thursday, **SNU Symphonic Band Concert**

(SNU Herrick Auditorium, 7:30 pm)

May 1, 2007

Tuesday, **SNU Metropolitan Orchestra Concert**

(OKC First Church of the Nazarene, 8:00 pm)



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Obituaries

Lois Brown

Lois Jarzna Brown, 89, passed away January 25, 2007. She was born in Leeds, N.D., the daughter of Frank and Anna Marie Jarzna. Lois spent her childhood in mining towns across the Great Plains until her parents had both passed away. In 1940 Lois graduated magna cum laude from Pasadena College in California as the institution's first psychology major. That summer she married her high school and college sweetheart, W. Shelburne Brown, a handsome ministerial student. Together they moved to Carson City, NV. for their first assignment in the Church of the Nazarene. A dedicated pastor's wife, Lois spent years actively leading children's and missionary ministries while also raising her own three children. In 1964, her husband was elected president of Pasadena College. Lois founded the PC women's auxiliary. The College was relocated to San Diego in 1972 and thrives today as Point Loma Nazarene University. Widowed in 1978, Lois stayed in San Diego until 2000 when she moved to Oklahoma and resided in Southern Plaza. Lois will be remembered for her great inner strength, resourcefulness and sense of immutable style. She was a remarkable woman who will be missed by her three children, Linda Brown Gresham, Oklahoma City, Warren S. Brown, Pasadena, CA, and Frederick Lyle Brown, Santa Barbara, CA. She is survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a valued member of the Academy of Senior Professionals.

Wayne Bright

Wayne Cordell Bright, DDS, born August 4, 1917 to Ernest and Elizabeth Knopp Bright passed from this life January 18, 2007. He was preceded in death by his first wife Thelma Jean Whited Bright, his parents, one brother William Ernest Bright, and two sisters, Louise and Lucille Bright. Wayne grew up in Ardmore, OK. He was active in Troop Six of the Boy Scouts of America and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1934. Wayne served as a Flight Engineer on a B29 in the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII. After his discharge from the Army, he enrolled in Baylor School of Dentistry. Upon graduation, he

established his dental practice in Tulsa, OK. During those years, Wayne was active in the Tulsa Dental Association and as President of that organization, he was influential in encouraging the city of Tulsa to add fluoride to the city water. He later moved his practice to Owasso, OK. He practiced there until 1975 when he became the dentist for the Department of Corrections at McAlester, OK. He also served as a Senior Minister with St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bethany, OK. Wayne was an avid Oklahoma University football fan and held season tickets for over 60 years. His most honored positions were those as a husband, a father and a family man. After the passing of his first wife, Thelma Jean, Wayne renewed his acquaintance with Carolyn Barnes of Bethany, OK. They were married in April of 1997. Wayne was loved and adored by his wife, his children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed. He was a faithful member of the Academy of Senior Professionals. Services were held Thursday, January 25, 2007 at St. Marks United Methodist Church.

George Williams

George H. Williams, 79, passed away March 13, 2007. He was born September 28, 1927 in Baxter Springs, KS to George and Mary Ellen Miller Williams. George had 3 great loves in his life: his Savior Jesus Christ who gloriously saved him in 1958; his wife Catherine with whom he shared 40 years of marriage; and his wife Betty who made his last years truly golden ones. His passion for foreign missions motivated him to serve as missionary president for many years at Del City First Church of the Nazarene. He loved his country and was proud of the time he spent serving in the Merchant Marines and USAF. He enjoyed traveling, reading, music, and fellowshiping with family and friends. His warmth and sincerity were an integral part of who he was. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that he is now at home with his Savior. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Catherine; son John; and brother Cecil. He is survived by his wife Betty; sons Ken Williams, Ron and Dennis Watson; daughters Fran Ward, Susan Downs, Shelly Spearman; brother Crawford; grandson Terry Williams, 17 other grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. George was a member of the Academy of Senior Professionals and will be greatly missed.

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“By chance a Jewish priest came along; but when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by the other side.

“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion. Kneeling beside him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. ‘If his bill runs higher than that,’ he said, ‘I’ll pay the difference the next time I am here.’” (Luke 10:30-35, *The Life Recovery Bible*).

The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that true love for God expresses itself in caring for others’ needs. In Jesus’s day the Jews and Samaritans hated each other. So when the despised Samaritan proved to be the good neighbor to the wounded Jew, Jesus was showing that compassion, which includes a concern for others, has no boundaries.

“Compassion and nonviolence,” wrote the American civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929-1968) “help us to see the enemy’s point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.”

If we will listen, or stretch out our hands, or whisper kind words of encouragement, or attempt to understand lonely, hurting persons, extraordinary things begin to happen through our acts of compassion in the “wilderness of this world.”

MORE NEWS BRIEFS

- **From Paula Greer:** She and her son Stephen, have posted the original website “WorldFriends” authored by Bronell Greer after his retirement from service as a missionary to India. Although it is no longer interactive because there is no one to moderate discussion, it remains informational and inspirational in nature. We trust it will bring blessing to you. Use the following link: <http://members.cox.net/paulabronell/index.htm>.
- **Wayne McEvelly CD Order Form:** Orders for CDs may be placed with Wayne McEvelly, P.O. Box 1403, Oklahoma City, OK, 73101. CDs include Mozart, Bach, Carnegie Hall, and Chopin. Include your name and address and request additional information.

Remaining ASP Meeting Dates for 2006-2007

April 9, 2007 - Annual Business Mtg. (Added date)

May 14, 2007—Last meeting of the year.



ASP Calendar

Monday: April 9 (ASP luncheon — Commons)

- 10:30 a.m. Shuttle: Sawyer parking lot to Webster begins
- 11:15 a.m. Luncheon begins: Heritage Room—Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting ends
- 1:15 p.m. Ad. Council: Faculty Lounge—Webster Commons



REMINDERS/NEWS BRIEFS

- **Dues:** Mrs. Margaret Dawson, ASP Dues Chairperson, is receiving the dues for the calendar year of 2007. Annual dues are \$15.00. Persons who wish to send in their checks should send them to Dr. Roy Dorris, 4607 N. College, Bethany, OK 73008. Checks should be made payable to SNU with a notation on the check for **ASP Dues**.
- **ASP/Web information:** Available on the web. See www.snu.edu/sr_professionals or go to SNU Home Page; Alumni & Friends; Find Out More; Academy of Senior Professionals
- **April 9 annual meeting:** Includes speaker, annual business session, election of officers, and the awarding of certificates and pins to new members of ASP.

ASP Parking Map

