



# Perspective

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## PEER LEARNING NETWORK



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### ASP members given the opportunity to share in the excitement of PLN Presents

The Academy of Senior Professionals is given the opportunity to share in the excitement of PLN Presents with the chance to attend the PLN Presents Downtown luncheon event at the Petroleum Club. Gentlemen wear a jacket and ladies wear your Sunday best!

The speaker for PLN Presents is Brian Davis, the voice for OKC's Thunder. Toby Rowland will moderate this luncheon session on **Thursday, April 12, 2012**, at the Petroleum Club downtown Oklahoma City. Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Brian Davis is in his third season as the OKC's Thunder television voice. Davis has called games at the professional level in three other sports: football, hockey, and soccer. As a sports anchor for CBS Radio and its Chicago all-news affiliate, Davis covered major events including the Olympics, NBA Finals and Stanley Cup Finals. He is an accomplished interviewer and talk show host and has won several professional awards.

Toby Rowland, play-by-play voice for OU athletics, is the moderator for this PLN Presents luncheon. Rowland's first appearance as the OU radio play-by-play announcer was April 16, 2011 at the Red/White Spring Football



Game. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and has won several broadcasting honors, including a Regional Emmy award for the 2005 Orange Bowl Blitz.

Established by Southern Nazarene University in 1995, the Peer Learning Network brings together the CEO and leadership teams of Oklahoma-based companies who have committed to be Major Partners in the Peer Learning Network. Partners utilize PLN for the purpose of professional development. Members pool resources and thereby hear world-class presenters, share management, leadership and planning ideas and network with a wide array of successful Oklahoma company representatives.

PLN sessions are open to the public. Tickets are \$40.00 per ticket. For more information, contact the Peer Learning Network Office at Southern Nazarene University at 405-491-6311.

**ASP members will be given a special rate of \$15.00 per person. Contact Eunice Trent, Director of ASP for your tickets at 405-491-6311.**

Academy of Senior Professionals will ride a bus together to the event. Meet in the Sawyer Center parking lot at 10:30 a.m. The bus will leave no later than 10:45 a.m.

Southern Nazarene University's mission is to transform lives through higher education in the Christ-centered community. As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who THINK with clarity, ACT with integrity and SERVE with purpose.



**Your President's Point of View**  
**Spring, Easter, April**  
*by Emmalyn German*

When we remember people and things we loved that are no more, we can become filled with longing for "the good ol' days." But, of course, there is no going back. The water is under the bridge.



When we see the leaves of summer fall, we begin to dread the long bleak grayness of winter. But April is filled with newness. Spring flowers are opening their eyes as the grass begins to grow and the gray trees turn green again.

As a young child in India I always loved Easter mornings when we would get up real early and hike to the cross at the top of the hill for the Easter sunrise service. We walked in the darkness – shining our flashlights to show our way. We saw dim glimpses of the wild lilies beside the path like we would later see in the Easter morning service at church. Then, as we read scripture and sang songs, the sun rays would creep over the edge of the earth and we began to celebrate the sacred joy of a risen Savior. There was no joy like Easter's promise of new life!

Then one Easter my mother announced we would not be going to the sunrise service. She had a surprise for us in the front yard. I must have been ten years old when Mother introduced us to the Easter bunny and Easter eggs. She must have gone to a lot of effort to make it special. But I'm afraid I could not hide my profound disappointment! I had no



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**October 10 – Charles and Billie Harrison**

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**March 12 – Spanish Cove Retirement Village**

**April 12 – Southern Nazarene University- PLN**

**May 9 – Concordia Life Care Community,**

**Lisa Vellekamp**





## LIBRARY NEWS

## SNU RESOURCES

By Arlita Harris

Emmalyn asked me to write about some of the projects I'm involved in in Bethany. So, here is the story. Perhaps, in the future after I retire from SNU Library, this should be a community column instead of a library column.

Since moving to Bethany in 2008, Irwin and I have been involved in our Bethany community, as well as our SNU and Western Oaks Church communities.

In 2008-2009, we worked on the Bethany Centennial History Book, which sold out rapidly. Then, in January, 2010, Marcia Feisal, Gloria Quaid, and I organized the Bethany Improvement Foundation as a 501-c-3 charitable organization for the benefit of Bethany. The purpose of the Bethany Improvement Foundation is to make a difference in Bethany, which we've been able to do through commissioning Dr. Bob Palmer to paint the historic murals on downtown buildings and to create different events (Bethany 66 Festival) and do other projects that individual businesses and the City cannot afford to do by themselves. The Bethany Improvement Foundation is a great place to leave your legacy, knowing that the money will be used for the improvement of your community.



town buildings and in the parking lot. We've applied for a planning and schematic design grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to spend the next year soliciting input from residents, students, merchants, and visitors to get ideas of what we could create in downtown Bethany to (1) make Bethany a destination for Route 66 travelers to stop, eat, shop, and stay; (2) attract visitors from 50 miles away to come to Bethany, and (3) improve the economic viability of Bethany's downtown businesses. Some of the ideas generated to date have been a neon garden of old Route 66 signs, additional historic murals, naming Bethany the "Gateway to the West"/"Gateway to the East" for Route 66, and your ideas, which need to be shared. The grant will pay \$25,000 of the planning costs; the City of Bethany and Bethany Improvement Foundation will share provision of the matching funds.

We are also working toward establishing an art gallery in downtown Bethany for student and community artists to paint and sell their creations. A tourism/visitor center with public restrooms is needed as we invite international visitors and bus tours to stop and enjoy our downtown. There is much to do.



If you would like help by becoming a Charter Member of the Bethany Improvement Foundation, go to <http://www.bethany100.com/membership.php> for a membership form. You may want to buy charter memberships for your grandchildren (students through college age) for \$25 each. Other annual membership levels are named after those who signed the charter for Bethany and are charitable donations for income tax purposes:

Sustaining member \$100  
Route 66 \$250  
J.W. Vawter \$500  
C.B. Jernigan \$1,000  
Arthur Beaver \$2,500  
Mattie Mallory \$5,000

Membership checks are payable to the Bethany Improvement Foundation and can be mailed to Dr. Arlita Harris, Secretary-Treasurer, 3737 North College #224, Bethany, OK 73008.

Other volunteer foundation board members are Marcia Feisal, Gloria, Quaid, John Martin, Ron Mercer, Randy Luinstra, Hadley Bowman, Joel Rayburn, and Mike Loyd.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Bethany Improvement Foundation story.



This year's Bethany 66 Festival will be held on Saturday, May 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Bethany. Sponsored by the Bethany Improvement Foundation with supporting sponsorships from Diffie Motor Company, The City of Bethany, True Oldies 99.7FM Radio, Tinker Federal Credit Union, and the Northwest Chamber. The day's FREE program includes a car show, entertainment stage, children's activities and inflatables, arts and crafts vendors, merchant sidewalk sales, food vendors, and lots of fun in the block of NW 39th/College/NW 38th/Asbury in downtown Bethany. Sponsorships, vendors, and program ad sales help raise funds for Bethany Improvement Foundation projects. ASP members are invited to volunteer during the day.

An upcoming project is the Bethany Depot Plaza, a public performance and public arts space at the backs of down-



## Driverless Cars

*By Paul Scheie*

Will your next car be one that does not require a driver? Driverless cars have been talked about and experimented with since 1939, about the same time that Buck Rogers was getting around with a jet pack. More recently, companies such as General Motors, Volkswagen, Audi, BMW, Volvo and Google have begun testing autonomous vehicles. These test vehicles are controlled by a computer, but usually require an accomplished driver to be in the driver's seat where he can override the main computer by putting on the brakes or turning the steering wheel.



The Vision and Intelligent Systems Laboratory of the Parma University, in 2010, sponsored four autonomous vehicles that successfully completed a test run over a distance of 8100 miles between Italy and China. Minor problems that required human intervention occurred only in Moscow traffic jams and in negotiating toll stations.

Google already has a test fleet of seven autonomous vehicles that have logged in thousands of miles, generally in western states without much heavy traffic. These cars have cameras and sensors mounted on the roofs to facilitate the accumulation of a library of routes as observed from the vehicle. GPS systems will then be able to show the actual roadway ahead projected on a screen in future vehicles as they travel their particular route.

It is anticipated that short-range communication systems will be set up such that autonomous vehicles in the same vicinity can compare certain types of environmental information to enhance the performance of the vehicles.

The first state to take action to accommodate autonomous vehicles on their roadways is Nevada, where last summer the legislature passed, and the governor signed a bill that required the Nevada Dept. of Motor Vehicles to come up with safety and performance standards for autonomous vehicles.



## Obituaries

*Madalyn Long*

### Patty McDonald—Correction

Patty was born to Wallis and Cleo Hays and raised in Tulsa. After losing her parents, she lived with her sister and chose to attend the Westside Church of the Nazarene, where she met her future husband, Loral Wayne McDonald. They shared 49 years before Loral died having served in churches, Work and Witness teams, and working at the New Life Ranch in Colcord, OK. She is survived by two children: David (Debbie) and Loral Henck (Rex) and their families.



Patty was a member of the Academy of Senior Professionals and was very supportive in working with the ROC and Meals on Wheels, besides her church, family, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the McDonald Disability Scholarship Fund at SNU, 6729 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008.

Funeral service was held in Bethany, OK on February 16, 2012, with interment at Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, OK.

Google currently is working to have other state legislatures also make laws that will be friendly to driverless cars as the cars become more sophisticated as well as debugged.

Anticipated advantages of driverless cars include making texting while driving an obsolete problem; reducing concern about drivers falling asleep at the wheel or not keeping their eyes on the road; and reducing problems associated with drivers being in a condition where they should not be driving anyway. It also has been suggested that with enough driverless vehicles on the roads it will become easier to manage heavy traffic more efficiently.





# Annual Meeting



The Academy of  
Senior Professionals  
will hold the annual  
meeting on  
**May 14, 2012.**

Elections for the  
new ASP  
Administrative  
Council will take  
place at the May  
Luncheon meeting.



## ASP "Trek" Time

By Pat Perry



Dear Asp Members,  
There won't be any more day trips this year, but I hope those of you that joined us for the trips enjoyed them. I know I enjoyed not only the trips, but the fellowship. Please pass on any suggestions you might have for next year.

Keep in mind some larger trips that will be coming up. In October, 2012 we have a group heading to NYC for a Fall Foliage cruise, a trip thru the Panama Canal in the spring of 2013, and a trip to Ireland/Scotland also in 2013.

Feel free to contact me for more information.

Pat Perry  
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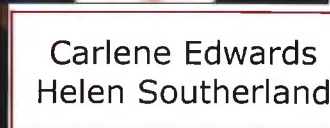


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## FEBRUARY ASP LUNCHEON



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**February Speaker**  
**Chuck Schroeder**

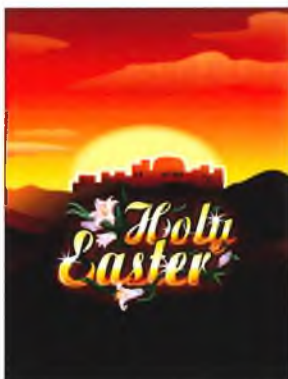


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knowledge or preparation for the “surprise” we were to find. I had no understanding of an Easter bunny. And we were to find Easter eggs??? I simply couldn’t put it all together. Why would my missionary mamma do such a silly thing?

And now. . . I have Easter bunnies and chocolate candy around our house to help celebrate Easter. I probably won’t go on another Easter morning hike. But I still serve a risen Savior.

“I serve a risen Savior;  
He’s in the world today  
I know that He is living,  
whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy; I  
hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need  
Him, He’s always near.  
He lives! He lives! Christ  
Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks  
with me  
Along life’s narrow way.  
He lives! He lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives.  
He lives within my heart.”



### March Luncheon

Clockwise from top:  
Jill Huff, Diana Garcia,  
Mark Gunter, Dave  
Anderson, Jean Luc,  
Dillain Francis, Mark  
Reighard, Don Blose.

