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Program by Shirley Mears



The Academy of Senior Professionals speaker for February 12th is news anchor Robin Marsh who came to national prominence with her on-site reporting on the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Robin's years in television have opened doors for her to talk with

women and girls about the love of Jesus. She has co-authored two books for teen girls, a devotional one titled *God*, *Girls and Getting Connected* and a book on dating titled *God*, *Girls*, *and Guys*.



An Emmy-nominated and national award-winning

journalist, Marsh joined the News 9 team in 1995 and today co-anchors First at Four with Lacie Lowry.

Over the years, Marsh has received a number of honors including excellence in feature reporting from the National Academy of Television Journalists and honors from the Society of Professional Journalists. She has been "Oklahoma's Journalist of the Year." Her series of reports on breast cancer are on display at Chicago's National Museum of Broadcast Journalism.

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Marsh began her broadcast career at age 19 in her hometown of Lawton. After a stint with a television station in Amarillo, TX, she moved to Oklahoma City.

Marsh is a speaker with the International Christian Women's Club. She volunteers for the Special Olympics and has been a host for Jerry Lewis' Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. She has been on the board of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma. In 2003 she was a Girl Scouts' "Woman of Distinction" award recipient.

An accomplished equestrian, Marsh has competed in rodeos in Oklahoma and Texas for a dozen years. She lives in Edmond with her husband Keith and son Cade.

LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 12, 2018, 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, February 8, you can RSVP by phone (405-519-3245) or by emailing glance@snu.edu. *Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.*



President's Column by Frank Dewey

Though all our meetings have gone well this year, I thought that our December luncheon was perhaps one of the very best. The food and fellowship were great. The Christmas music sung by HOPE was excellent. The interview of Eva May Harper was inspirational. The message by new SNU President Dr. Keith Newman was thought-provoking. His concept of the various gifts we can give should prompt us to make resolutions to be kept throughout this new year.

February is Valentine's Day month. It is a particularly memorable month for me because almost 50 years ago I told a certain young lady that I would love to have her as my wife. And so, later this year, Christine and I will celebrate almost 50 years of married life together!

Did you know that there were possibly three Christian men with the name of Valentine, two of whom were martyred within four years of each other in the latter part of the third century in Italy, and the third was killed in north Africa? It is for these martyrs that the day is named.

The connection of the day to romantic love waited until Geoffrey Chaucer wrote about it in the 14th century. And it really wasn't until the 18th century that people in England began using cards and flowers to express their affection for the ones they love. Valentine's Day may not be in itself a Christian tradition. Nevertheless, isn't it good to celebrate the love we have for the ones that God has brought into our lives?



Interim Director by Brent LaVigne

In my role as Vice President for University Relations, I get to hear the stories of SNU graduates who have gone out into the world to serve. I've known some of these individuals in the past. Others are brand-new to me.

One story I heard recently was that of a relatively young alumnus from the early 90s. After graduation, he followed God's call into full-time ministry on the West Coast, eventually meeting his wife and building a family.

He mentioned how service between semesters shaped his life as much as anything he learned in SNU's classrooms. That service included being a Christian camp counselor and volunteering in the community where he was raised. Today, he serves his local church where he mentors men his age who are struggling with their faith.

I am excited about Dr. Newman's vision that SNU be a campus which embodies service. The words of his call to "live last" may seem new to our campus. Actually, the concept has been in this community's DNA since its inception. Evidence of that are graduates who have gone forth to teach, serve, preach and lead throughout the world.

My interactions with ASP have reinforced the idea that service is in our DNA. When John Martin asks members to tell their stories in the "Get Acquainted" time, we hear how those we sit next to during ASP luncheons have served God in the past and continue doing so today.

As we face a new month, will you commit with me to "live last" like Christ, serving others in ways that reflect God's light and demonstrate the heart of ASP?





Morning Seminar by James Worley

The March ASP Morning Seminar speaker will help us to learn some of the negative things going on in our world today and how we can cope with them.



Sheryl Presley became Oklahoma City's

TRIAD Coordinator in 1998. One of the main functions of that position is the education of seniors as to their rights, opportunities and the laws that affect their lives.

I have asked her to enlighten us about scams and frauds aimed at seniors and how we can protect ourselves from them as well as neighborhood safety measures which need to be taken. If time permits, she may address some personal and home safety issues that we may not be aware of.

So, mark March 12 on your calendar for our next 9:30 Seminar in the President's Dining Room for a most enlightening and educational time.



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Renda Brumbeloe played beautiful music





Dr. Stephoni Case shared about her doctoral studies



Get-Acquainted Moments with Rick and LaNell Stahl



James Worley, Luncheon speaker Ron Harris, Shirley Mears and Morning Seminar speaker Mark Huitt

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SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

The February "SNU Connections" moment will feature the doctoral studies of Kim Rosfeld, director of the McNair Scholars program at SNU.



Kim earned a bachelor's de-

gree in music education from Southern Nazarene University. She has a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Oklahoma and recently completed a fully-online Ph.D. degree in education from Northcentral University.

At SNU, Kim chairs the McNair Advisory Board and is a member of the LIFE Advisory Board and the Honors Program Advisory Board. She is also treasurer of the Faculty Senate as well as a member of SNU's Student Learning Committee. For a period of time, Kim, who is an outstanding soprano singer, was worship pastor at Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene.

Since 2014, Kim Rosfeld has been director of the McNair Scholars program. The principal objective of the McNair Scholars program is to increase the attainment of graduate degrees by students from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education, (either firstgeneration/low-income or minorities such as Native American, Latino, Alaskan Native, and African American). It is a U.S. government funded program that helps eligible undergraduates at about 150 universities acquire the knowledge, skills and capacities necessary to navigate getting into and successfully completing graduate school.

In the 10 years that SNU has offered the McNair Program, 95 SNU graduates have been served by it with 62 going on to attend graduate schools. Sixteen of those students have completed or are completing doctoral degrees. Kim is married to Ken Rosfeld who teaches in the SNU School of Music. They have one son, Benjamin.



There's still time! You can still do it! Read the book *Newsweek* called a "compulsory page-turner."

Join us at 9:30 on February 12 in SNU's President's Dining Room to discuss the book described by USA Today as "[Grisham's] best novel in years," and by the Chicago Tribune as "absorbing...the pages fly by."

The book, John Grisham's The Testament, is

a thriller with a surprise ending. You will be transported from a roomful of people gathered like vultures for the reading of a billionaire's will to the Amazon jungle where an unknown heiress makes a life-changing impact on the lawyer sent to find her.



On April 9, we will switch gears and discuss a non-fiction book titled *Scandalous Obligation*. Christianbook.com says this book "is about the slippery nature of obligation, competing calls for justice, and the perilous temptation to dismiss or avoid responsibility."

One possible glitch: OKC libraries do not currently carry *Scandalous Obligation*. If you think the books we discuss should be available in local libraries, help us decide from the alternatives which will be presented at the February discussion.



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ASP Calendar

Monday February 12, 2018 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons 9:30 a.m. Morning Seminar, President's Dining Room 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the parking lot 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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