

May 11, 2015
Dr. Michael Strauss
By
Walt and Linda Crow

Dr. Strauss is a gifted scientist, and a devout follower of our Lord Jesus the Christ. As a scientist his mind insisted on detailed studies in both science and in faith. His big question was “What is truth?” That is the ancient question asked by the Roman governor Jesus of Nazareth about 2000 years ago. That question is as relevant today as it was then. The society in which we live has abandoned the idea that there are any absolute truths. A recent survey revealed that 70% of our nation’s youth do not believe there is any such thing as objective truth. Dr. Strauss will excite us with the informational things he will be presenting to us.



By Dale German



We are in our ninth month now that April is here. Last July we arrived in the winter, enjoyed the spring, experienced summer, and now it’s turning autumn in April. Red trees dotted landscapes when we arrived in July. Those flowering trees turned green, and beautiful purple trees filled mountains and valleys: a kaleidoscope of color.

I think you can see whatever you want to see here in Swaziland as with any other place on earth. Gorgeous flowers bloom in unlikely places out of rocks, from red dirt, gracing cinder home doorways, and over slats of wooden homesteads. Above it all are big white puffy clouds like soft cotton balls gently floating through a clear blue sky. Sometimes ominous dark gray storm clouds hover over distant mountains and come our way behind a warm wind promising heavy rain.

Thinking she saw a lizard at the base of a tall tree just outside the window of our flat, Emmalyn ran for binoculars and saw it up close. A shy foot long chameleon lizard skittered away, but not until we both had a good look at it. Perhaps we have all been people watchers waiting for a flight at an airport or standing in line at a grocery store. People watching is irresistible here in Swaziland. Totally fascinating is watching men and women but especially women walking in front of my stopped jeep in

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ASP LUNCHEON MAY 11, 2015 begins at 11 AM in the Webster Commons, Heritage Room, on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Each month members receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by the Thursday before the Monday, May 11, 2015 luncheon, you may RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlinclarley@prodigy.net



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President's Column

By
Arlita Harris

May, 2015

It seems that only yesterday I was writing my first ASP President's Column of the year, and now my year as president is ending. I began by challenging the members to "Soar from where God planted you". Although I haven't heard all of your stories, I realize that this has been roller coaster year for me, from joining the Bethany City Council to the loss of my husband, Irwin. Thank you for your love, friendship, and support.

I am especially grateful to the officers and committee chairs. Our director, **Eunice Trent**, was such an encourager; we don't realize how much she does for ASP. Past President, **Emmalyn German**, gave guidance from Swaziland. President-elect **Leonard Skodak** double-checked the menus each month and made the meetings more fun with themes. **Joan Dozier** is amazing as Secretary and Publications Editor, producing the professional and informative Academy Perspective each month. **Gary Lance** kept track of dues, expenses, and sponsorships during this year of transition from a January-December to October-May dues year (and was helped each month by **Don Carley**). **Harold Dozier** relinquished his position as Vice-President as a result of a bylaws change he recommended in his role as Bylaws Chairman. Harold shepherded us through several successful bylaws revisions. **Miltonette Brasher** kept up with nametags for members and visitors, and **Lawanda Allison** had teams of friendly greeters at the door each month.

Walt and Linda Crow provided variety and entertainment through this year's informative programs. **Linda Carley** followed up on applications and introduced a total of 18 new members in 2015-16. We realized the need for adding new members as 8 of our members died during this year; **Vicki Sacket** provided their obituaries for the Perspective and kept a summary of the meetings for the SNU Archives. We loved the music each month provided by our own members and arranged by **Wayne Sacket**, our music chair.

Pat Perry arranged trips on the Devon Boat in June; then to New York City, dinner and the movie "Unbroken", and the Bush Library in Dallas. We enjoyed **Genese Gunter's** interviews of members each month, and I especially appreciated the work that **Carole Gossett** put into her book discussions and the ideas that **Michelle Jenkins** shared in the Morning Seminars on downsizing and updating. **Paul and Jan Reinbold** introduced us to a different SNU department head and student each month, even arranging a tour of the new science building. And, new member, **Hal Swinhart**, recorded everything we did in photographs for The Academy Perspective. **Dale German** sent a monthly Swaziland blog to keep us informed about their activities on the mission field. What a team!

I look forward to our 25th Anniversary Year under the leadership of **Leonard Skodak** and his new Administrative Council. Please RSVP now to **Genese Gunter** (405-837-6195) to be involved in the 25th Anniversary planning. **Jack David Arnold** and his team are planning another Senior Adult Conference for June 9, 2016 at Webster Commons and would also like volunteers.

While you are thinking about volunteering, also explore opportunities through our partners Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Central Oklahoma 405-605-3110 www.rsvpokc.org, or the Bethany After School Program amosshart@bethanynaz.org. ASP is currently seeking volunteers to distribute programs at SNU graduation on Saturday, May 9, at 9:00 (for the 10 a.m. ceremony) or 1:00 (for the 2 p.m. ceremony). If you are interested, contact Eunice Trent (405) 491-6602.

Stay involved in Bethany activities this summer by voting in the Bethany School Election on Saturday, May 12; attending the Bethany 66 Festival downtown on Saturday, May 23 from 10-4; enjoying the Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival at SNU on June 12 and 13; and the Bethany Freedom Festival on July 4, with a Parade at 10:00 a.m. through downtown Bethany and festival with fireworks at Eldon Lyon Park.

Be thinking of prospective ASP members and invite them to the first meeting in October. Membership forms are online at www.snu.edu/membership

Blessings and Gratitude, Arlita



The Director's Corner
By
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

May 2015

This year has passed by so very fast. We have had a lot of great times together as an ASP group. Memories will sustain us as we take a summer break.

Plan to attend The J.D. and Mary West Science Laboratory Dedication on **Friday, May 8, 2015** at 11:15 A.M. in the concourse of the Science Laboratory.



The J.D. and Mary West Science Laboratory

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In the Good Old Summertime

There's a time in each year that we always hold dear,
the good old summer time;
With the birds and the tresses and sweet-scented breezes,
In the good old summer time.
When your day's work is over then you are in clover,
And life is one beautiful rhyme,
No trouble annoying each one is enjoying,
The good old summer time.

In the good old summertime,
in the good old summertime.
Strolling through the shady lanes with my baby mine.
You hold her hand, and she holds yours,
and that's a very good sign
She will be your tootsie wootsie,
in the good old summertime.

song by George Evans and Ren Shields

Have a blessed summer of 2015.
Eunice Trent

The Official ASP Administrative Council Elections will be held on May 11, 2015

Nominations for 2015-2016 Officers are:

President-elect—Howard Culbertson

Secretary—Vicki Sacket

Treasurer—Gary Lance

Members-at-Large—
Miltonette Brasher and Wayne Sacket

Nominations from the floor need the previous approval of the nominee. Thank you!

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downtown Manzini. Women nonchalantly walk across the street with a baby tied in a blanket on her back, a bag of groceries in each hand, and a whole sack of oranges or a heavy square box of something perfectly balanced on her head. Sometimes there are two or three boxes balanced on her head. She floats across the street in front of me as gracefully as those white fluffy clouds in the sky overhead, seemingly oblivious to the impossibility of what she is accomplishing.

How could I spend a year in Africa and not mention Africans are black and I am white? And how could I live here and not realize what brain surgeon Dr. Ben Carson says, "When I pull back the skin everybody looks the same." I remember seeing in the U.S. posters and tee shirts saying, "Black Is Beautiful." And so it is. We sang in my childhood, "Red and yellow, black and white they're all precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." My year in Africa will send me home to America with a brotherly love for people of color. My year in Africa, if nothing else, has made me a citizen of the world, color blind to difference and celebrating diversity. As we walked through the exit of Nelson Mandela Museum in South Africa there were dozens of three foot wooden flowers in a rainbow of colors. Visitors were encouraged to take one out of one pot and put it in another pot. Eventually all the colors were mixed together and all the pots represented peoples of the world living together in peace.

The music of Swaziland is beautiful. Emmalyn, overcome by spontaneous four part harmony of a congregation singing "Happy Birthday," was moved to tears. We had never heard Happy Birthday sung like a choral anthem unaccompanied. How they sing like that I do not know. They just do it.

The work we are doing here is beautiful. Hungry people are fed, sick people are doctored, poor people are taught wage earning skills, unlearned people are educated, people with bad eyes receive surgery from ophthalmologists, people with dental needs go to dentists, people in conflict are counseled in conflict resolution, those bound by witchcraft and superstition are freed by faith in Christ, and we who minister and work among them find new purpose and fulfillment in life. How beautiful is that!



ASP "Trek" Time

By
Pat Perry



Dear ASP Friends,

This year has passed quickly and we now end our meetings till next October. I wish you all a wonderful summer break. I'd like to come up with some day trips during the summer, and will let you know as we plan some. Please let me know if you are considering joining us for the "Salute to Veterans" cruise in November. It is a short drive to Galveston for a week of fun.

Please let me know if you have some ideas for future trips.

Take Care,
Pat
(405) 373-4147



SUMMER CALENDAR

MAY 10—MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 11—ASP COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MAY 16—ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 24—PENTECOST

MAY 25—MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 14—FLAG DAY

JUNE 18—INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY

**JUNE 21—FATHER'S DAY
SUMMER SOLSTICE**

JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

AUG 2—INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

SEPT 7—LABOR DAY

SEPT 11—PATRIOT DAY

**OCT 12—COLUMBUS DAY
ASP LUNCHEON**



Morning Seminar
by
Michelle Jenkins

May Morning Session---

Michelle will take us into the fashion world for our wardrobes. She comes with 33 years in the fashion industry after majoring in Fashion Merchandising at O.S.U. Michelle was a buyer for a large department store in Dallas, then a Divisional Merchandise Manager, before going into apparel manufacturing where she was V.P. of Merchandising! Ask her what that meant besides going to Europe for ideas or Paris for the YSL fashion show.

Reuse—Refresh—Repurpose old clothes. Wear old clothes new ways! Old clothes don't have to look old! Accessorize with jewelry and scarves! Mix prints and plaids with solids to update!



Come May 11, 9:30 AM to see your fellow friends model ideas and to hear ideas maybe you have not thought of. It will be fun! Michelle Jenkins has brought us 2 previous sessions and the room was full! Get there early! You won't want to miss this one!



The SNU Connection
By
Jan and Paul Reinbold



The SNU representative for the May 11th meeting will be Professor Whitney Porch-Van Heuvelen, Assistant Professor from the Division of Art and Design who will describe the Graphic Arts Program at SNU.



Luncheon Themes
By
Leonard Skodak



WOW! Can you believe it's May already and the summer break is about to start? It seems like only yesterday that Arlita called the 2014/2015 year to order.

As I mentioned last month, we have plans already in motion for next years 25th ASP Anniversary and the Senior Adult Conference (SAC) . If you would like to help with either of these events please let me know, 405-613-3373.

Our theme for this last meeting of the year is a "picnic" so please come dressed casual for a picnic and a fun time.





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 Michelle Jenkins, Morning Seminar Interest Group
 Carole Gossett, Book Discussion
 Pat Perry, Travel Club
 Wayne Sacket, Music
 Genese Gunter, Get Acquainted Moments
 Paul & Jan Reinbold, SNU Connections



Monday May 11, 2015
 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
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage
 Room
 1:00-1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to parking lot
 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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