Connectivity: Is it a noun or a verb? What does it mean? The answer is found not in the idea, but what the idea does. What do we connect to? It is not an academic question. So . . . What do we bring to the table?

Our president, Emmalyn German, highlighted the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) logo this week as she opened our March luncheon. The logo is a symbol of the eagle in flight. Yes, I know, we all had food on our mind at the time. But what was she talking about?

Since 1993, the ASP has gone through several stages of development with its motto of “Sharing a Continuous Flight”, a full-fledged organization, a pattern of permanence, enlargement and expanded services to the campus and extended community, growth of lifelong learning opportunities in retirement, using the gift of longevity. The Academy’s logo represents this motto.

We follow this pattern of permanence, enlarging and expanding our service to the campus and extended community, and continuing our growth of lifelong learning opportunities . . . In a phrase, “Sharing a Continuous Flight.”

What do we bring to the table? Our influence. . . We look with new eyes at our mission statement. We look at who we are and how we represent the University and our community and youth. We look beyond ourselves and serve.

This is who we are and what we are doing with our lives. That is the continuous flight of the eagle.

At our next luncheon, observe the people around you. We are the symbols of that eagle. I see Eva May, Evelyn, Don and Kathleen, R.T. and Pat, Lecil, Park and Willie, Margaret and Syble. There’s Eunice and her 16 faithful Administrative Council members.

There’s Tom Hoskison, a fixture around the community, Pat, the traveler and Shirley, the communicator. There are the Gunters and the Neuenschwangers. There’s the Arnold table with distinguished guests. There are Betty and Lynn, B Kaye with her bubbly smile and many other community stalwarts, too numerous to mention here.

This is who we are and what we do -- our longevity and our legacy to the community.

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**EASTER SONG**

by Anne Ward Herring

Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing
That You can be born again
Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing
Christ is risen from the dead

The angel up on the tombstone
Said, He has risen, just as He said
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead

Joy to the world
He has risen, Hallelujah
He's risen, Hallelujah
He's risen, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing
That You can be healed right now
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing
Christ, He will reveal it now

The angels, they all surround us
And they are ministering Jesus's power
Quickly now, reach out and receive it
For this could be your glorious hour

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Speaker Don Blose
“Finishing Well”

BJ Johnston, Dramatist

Mecca Lovsik, guest of Shirley Mears

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Tabitha Pope, SNU Director of Disability Services and Maddie Dawson, student