



# Panel for Chamber Forum Luncheon

## July 8, 2009

**John Selph** is the President and CEO of Volunteers of America. He holds an M.P.H. from the University of Oklahoma, an M.A. from the University of Tulsa, and a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma. John has served on a wide variety of boards. A few of the positions he has held include Vice Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Council for the State of Oklahoma, Chairman of the Tulsa County Juvenile Justice Trust Authority, past board member for the Tulsa Mental Health Association, past Chairman for the Metropolitan Human Services Commission, Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils and past board member for the National Mental Health Association. A few of the awards John has received include being awarded for Outstanding Citizenship, the Oklahoma Association for Childrens Institutions and Agencies, Humanitarian Award for service to families and elected to the Patrick Henry Hall of Fame.

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**Bill Major** serves as the executive director for LIFE Senior Services. LIFE Senior Services is a service provider to older adults through: Case Management Services, Adult Day Services, Caregivers Support Services, Senior Centers, SeniorLine Information Services, and the Vintage Newsmagazine, \$5.4 million operating budget with 100 employees. Bill holds a M.A.O.M degree from the University of Phoenix and a B.A. from Phillips University. John has served as a board member for Montereau in Warren Woods, member of Leadership Oklahoma, and member of Leadership Tulsa.

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**Arvella McCollom** received her Long Term Care Administration License from the University of Oklahoma after completing a Bachelor's of Business Degree from Cameron University. For over ten years she was administrator for The Evangelical Good Samaritan Society which is the largest not for profit organization in the United States. June of 2001, she accepted a position with Baptist Village Communities of Oklahoma in Owasso, Ok. in which she was administrator of their 120 skilled nursing home and assistant campus director.

On Oct. 13th, 2008, she transferred to Baptist Village of Broken Arrow as the Campus Director. Currently, Baptist Village of Broken Arrow has patio homes and are in the process of building a community center, assistance in living, and memory support apartments in the neighborhood concept.

Baptist Village Communities of Oklahoma serve over 2,100 senior a day in the state of Oklahoma.

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**Grace Burke** is the owner and CEO of the locally based consulting company, Dementia Support Services, LLC. She is an Alzheimer's/Dementia Specialist and a licensed Speech Language Pathologist with a Master's degree in Speech/Language Pathology. She is an accomplished speaker on dementia and Alzheimer's disease and has presented locally, statewide, and nationally. Grace is actively involved in community support and education, product development, and training and implementation in residential and homecare settings. She is a member of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk Steering Committee (Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter) and the Managing Editor of the Perspectives on Gerontology Newsletter published bi-annually by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Grace is the founder of Dementia Support Services, LLC.

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