



The Nashville Speaker

The English-Speaking Union

NASHVILLE BRANCH

Volume 12, Issue 1

Education. Scholarship. Understanding.

Spring, 2014

Our Mission

The English-Speaking Union of the United States is committed to promoting scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Anne LaVoy Guerra

Past President

Dr. Susan D. Sinclair

President Elect

LCDR John C. Glynn
of Glynstewart

Treasurer

Maclin D. Whiteman

Secretary

Sandra Frank

Education Chair

Dr. Ann Cook Calhoun

Membership Chair

Betty Jane Brindley Chalfant

Finance Committee & Bylaws

Linda Knight

Richard H. Knight, Jr.

Directors

Joan Campbell

Melinda Coles

Phyllis Heard

Carol Rochford

Jane Marie Schlater

Dr. C. Richard Treadway

Susan Walker

Dr. Theodore E. Wiltsie

Newsletter Editor & Communications

Lynne Siesser

2009 Overhill Drive

Nashville, TN 37215-3414

lsiesser7@gmail.com

615-298-5659

You are invited to lift a glass to
Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th Birthday

Shakespeare Vignettes

With the Nashville Shakespeare Festival

Denice Hicks (*Artistic Director*)

Nettie Kraft (*Education Director*)

David Wilkerson (*Fight Choreographer*)

Jon Royal (*Teaching Artist in Residence*)

Enjoy your education dollars at work as these very talented artists demonstrate how they inspired budding actors at our annual Shakespeare Workshop.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

5 pm

Wessex Towers

6666 Brookmont Terrace off Highway 70 at Saint Henry's

Visitor parking is behind the owners' carports at the top of the hill. Please do not park anywhere else.

No charge

Guests are very welcome. This is the perfect occasion to showcase the English-Speaking Union at work and attract new members. We challenge you to bring at least one guest.

Bringing a bottle of wine or hors d'oeuvres to share will be much appreciated but is not mandatory.

RSVP Anne Guerra 370-2999

annelavoyguerra@gmail.com

NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

The winner goes to an all-expenses paid trip to New York where they will perform on the stage of the Lincoln Theatre.

Since 1983, nearly 200,000 teenagers have participated in the program. Here in Nashville, we have had a National winner, as well as many fine regional winners. We combine the competition with a free Shakespeare workshop for teachers and students, partnering with professionals from the Nashville Shakespeare Festival. Our program has been showcased at National ESU Conferences. The Shakespeare Set Free workshop, a collaboration between Folger Shakespeare Library and English-Speaking Union was held in Nashville.

Thanks to **Dr. Ann Cook Calhoun**, the very successful Regional finals were held in the Troutt Theater, Belmont University on March 1, 2014.

Our thanks go to **Dr. Paul Gatrell**, Belmont Department of Theatre and Dance for allowing us the use of the Black Box Theatre.

Further thanks go to the judges, **Denice Hicks, Matt Logan, René Millán** and ESU volunteers, **Gerry Calhoun, John Glynn, Anne Guerra, Lynne Siesser and Susan Sinclair.**

Winners were
1st

Jess Darnell, Montgomery Bell Academy
Merchant of Venice: Shylock monologue & Sonnet 95
2nd

Secret Turner, Nashville School for the Arts
Timon of Athens: Timon monologue and Sonnet 130
3rd

Kristen Barrett, Harpeth Hall
As You Like It: Rosalind monologue and Sonnet 116
Honorable mention

Leah Hayes McAlister, Ensworth High School
Winter's Tale: Hermione monologue and Sonnet 29

Ann Cook Calhoun has chaired the Shakespeare Competition since its inception and is eager to involve a committee in the process. Volunteers are needed to * co-chair the program * call the schools to confirm names and addresses (**Gerry** will be eternally grateful to delegate this task) etc. etc. Please let the Ann(e)s know if you can help.

Anne Guerra 370-2999 annelavoyguerra@gmail.com

Ann Calhoun 352-3521 gercalhoun@aol.com

For your calendars . . .

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Spring black-tie dinner to be held at The Centennial Club.

The speaker will be former U.S. Attorney General,

Alberto Gonzales: “Public Service”

Watch for your invitation and think of friends to invite.



Anne and Bob Guerra graciously hosted *Charles Dickens & Christmas: a Victorian Story* in their home in December. Guests were entertained with remarks and dramatic readings by Annette Sisson and Shawn Knight.

GET TO KNOW new board members, Jane Marie Schlater and Carol Rochford



Jane Marie Schlater
(Mrs. Thomas W. Schlater III) Husband of 22 yrs.
 Tommy was a Litigator:
 Taylor, Schlater, Lassiter,
 Tidwell, & Trenham, and was
 City Judge of Brentwood from
 1969 to 2009.
Nashville, TN: Created and
 owned a residential & contract
 interior design firm that was

active for 33 years servicing clients in 7 states. A separate “accent” company framed and inventoried over 2,000 pieces of original art.

Began Jane Marie’s Inc.; a FDA food production plant selling to vendors such as Riches, Neiman-Marcus, Callaway Gardens and specialty shops.

On Music Row: established 3 Publishing companies with 2 record labels producing two artists who charted.

Also:

Opened a retail/ wholesale store in Tampa, FL., which was also a “source” to the trade. Chose all fabrics for a large furniture company in High Point, NC.

Hobbies:

Snow skiing, Golf, & the stock market



Carol Rochford is a native Nashvillian, a graduate of Harpeth Hall, and Vanderbilt University where, after earning her degree in elementary education, she decided to pursue a degree in law. While attending Nashville School of Law, she met and married fellow student and Ohio

native, **John Rochford**. Together they have raised four children, **Dianne Sims, Trey Rochford, John Cobb Rochford** and **Elizabeth Luttrull**. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren in whose lives they are deeply involved. Much of her time is dedicated to design projects related to John’s construction and property management company, such as the Green Hills Hampton Inn and Suites and the St. Paul Senior Living Community. In addition to having been a long-term member of the English-Speaking Union, Carol is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Jamestowne Society, the Centennial Club, All Seasons Garden Club and former board member of the Ladies’ Hermitage Association and the Advisory Board of South Union Shaker Museum in southern Kentucky where the couple owns an historic church on their family farm.

In Memoriam



Harriett Louise Butterworth Howell, age 92, passed away with her family at her bedside on January 28, 2014, at Vanderbilt University Hospital. Louise was a native of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland County, England. She was born to Louis and Isabell Butterworth on June 20, 1921. She was wed to Joseph Benton Howell, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, in October of 1945 in Birmingham, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991, parents, sister Straphine Butterworth Puttock, and brother William of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, and her brother Stanley Butterworth of Paris, France. She was also preceded in death by her grandson Benton Turner Howell of Anniston, Alabama.

She is survived by her two sons, Joseph Benton Howell II and wife Lark of Anniston, Alabama, and Trevor Wayne Howell and wife Karen of Nashville, Tennessee. She is survived by four granddaughters, (Mrs.) Lesley Ann Howell Owen (Brandon), Marie Louise Howell, Mary Fowler Butterworth Howell, all of Nashville,

Tennessee, and Lauren Lanelle Howell Gee of Anniston, Alabama, now of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is also survived by three great-grandsons, Howell, Elliott and Louis Owen of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Howell, or "Granna" as she was affectionately called, was educated at the Mayfield School in London, England. During World War II, she served as an encryption specialist for the British Admiralty Department in Washington, D.C. Having lived in Nashville since 2001, she spent most of her years in Mobile, Alabama, where she was a founding member of St. Mark Methodist Church, a choir member and president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. While a resident of Nashville, she was a docent at Cheekwood and member of the **English-Speaking Union**. An avid fisherperson, tennis and bridge player, she was also an exceptional portrait artist. Loved by many, Granna, who had the gift of English dry wit, was an inspiration to animal and art lovers, and was respected by those who live out their own truth.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS TO THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN 2013/2014

Gold Benefactors (\$500 or more)

Phyllis Heard * Carol & John Rochford

Silver Benefactors (\$200-\$499)

Jane Marie Schlater * Susan & Otey Walker

Benefactors (\$100-\$199)

Ann & Gerry Calhoun * Joan & Maclin Davis * Dorothy Primm Joyner * Imogene & Bill Maddox
Ann Marie & Martin McNamara * Barbara Schneider * Susan Sinclair * Marilyn Shields & Ted Wiltsie

Patrons (\$50-\$99)

Melinda & Ron Coles * Clara & Nelson Davenport * Bobby Jean Frost * Anne & Bob Guerra
Jean Litterer * Dottie & Martin Stickle * Sarah Stamps * Elaine & Jerry Youngblood

Donors (\$25-\$49)

Betty Jane & Bert Chalfant * Kathryn & John Glynn * Jean & Richard Hart * Julia & Bob Lowe * Jocelyne McCall
Jane Tarkington * Maclin Whiteman & Caryn Wagner

These generous donations underwrite the Nashville education programs.