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Regional Shakespeare Competition Finals

Please join us to appreciate where some of our education donations go.

Saturday, March 2, 2013

10am – 12 Noon

Black Box Theater - (entrance on Compton)

Troutt Theater, Belmont University

2100 Belmont Boulevard (corner of Compton and Belmont)

Nashville, TN 37212

Parking lots for the Troutt Theater are across the street from the sign-posted entrance on Compton and also at the back of the building.

You will be impressed with the standard of our Middle Tennessee scholars. Look to be entertained with a monologue and sonnet from each of the record-breaking number of entries from twenty-three schools.

Blackman High School (Murfreesboro), Brentwood High School, Clarksville Academy, Fairview High School, Father Ryan High School, Franklin High School, Harpeth Hall School, Hilger Higher Learning (home-school consortium, Chattanooga), Hillsboro High School, Hillwood High School, Hume-Fogg Academic High School, Maplewood Comprehensive High School, Merrol Hyde Magnet School, Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville School of the Arts, Page High School, Pope John Paul II High School, Siegel High School (Murfreesboro), Spring Hill High School, Stratford High School, Summertown High School, Summit High School (Spring Hill), Waverly Central High School



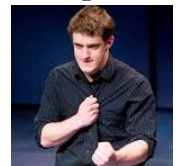
Volunteers are needed to meet and greet, serve coffee and act as ambassadors for the ESU.

NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

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.

Rachel Woods, won here in 2011 and 2012 and was one of ten finalists in New York.

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.



Regional winners pictured from the top:

Ricardo Beery, Nashville School for the Arts - 2008

Tommy Harless, Montgomery Bell Academy - 2009

Miranda Fisher, Cedar Creek Schoolhouse Academy - 2010

Rachel Woods, Centennial High School - 2011 and 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS FELLOW ESU MEMBERS



We have exciting news about upcoming events. First, our Page Scholar, **Maria Frederica Valenzuela Marti Garro**, will be visiting from Argentina, and we are looking forward to

meeting her. She is studying American bi-lingual education techniques, as she is Head of the Middle School at Holy Trinity College, an English and Spanish school.

Thanks to our **Joan Campbell** for being her hostess, and to **Ann Calhoun** for arranging the visit.

Then on April 5, 2013 we have a special treat, **Sir Fraser Morrison, C.B.E.**, (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire), is coming to Nashville. He will be Guest of Honor at Tartan Day, April 6, sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Scottish Society at the Downtown Library. But before that on April 5th, he will be our spring Speaker.

Sir Fraser heads RMJM, a large architectural firm in Scotland with branches all over the world. His firm built the Falkirk Wheel, as well as the Scottish Parliament. His current personal project is the national Libraries and Gallery of Scotland. He is involved in restoration and patronage for these institutions. Well-known in Britain, we are looking forward to hearing him discuss his life and his association with historic preservation. Come and bring your friends!

This spring, we are planning a special surprise with our Annual Spring Tea. We want to honor our past members, particularly those whom we have lost in the last few years. We would like to have this year's tea be a joyful memorial to those who have built the Nashville ESU. Please let your Board members know of those who should be remembered, since we don't want to overlook anyone.

My phone number, by the way, is 615-423-3818

Susan Sinclair President.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS . . .

February 13 – 15, 2013 Page Scholar visit Maria Frederica Valenzuela de Marti Garro from Argentina
Volunteers are needed on the 14th and 15th to drive Frederica to appointments, wait and then take her on to the next school. There is a reception to meet her on February 13.

Saturday, March 2, 2013 Regional Finals of the Shakespeare Competition

April 5 or 6, 2013 Black tie dinner with Sir Fraser Morrison, CBE

Sir Fraser's architecture firm, RMJM Hillier, is an International Architectural Practice with studios in Europe, Middle East, Asia and the United States. Their work encompasses architecture, sustainable design, urban planning, master planning, interior design and research and development. He is an ambassador for American Patrons of the National Library and Galleries of Scotland

May, 2013 Spring Tea

September 26 – 29, 2013 National Conference at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle, Washington

Wednesday, October 22, 2013 Black tie dinner with Oliver Everett, *Librarian Emeritus of the Royal Library, Windsor Castle. He was Librarian there and Assistant Keeper of the Royal Archives from 1985 to 2002. During those 17 years working with the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle (The title of his presentation), he gained a deep and detailed knowledge of the Collection and of the history of the Castle and its occupants.*



Twelfth Night 2013 was held in the Sugartree Clubhouse. Group singing, delicious food, crowning the Lord of Misrule and, of course, the lusty wenches with the King Cakes, made for an enjoyable evening.

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GET TO KNOW WILLIAM T. SCHWARTZ, (Membership Chair)



Bill grew up in a small town in Kansas (coincidentally about 50 miles from a similar small town where Bill Siesser grew up). He earned degrees from Harvard, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Southern California; he is pursuing,

leisurely, another degree from Vanderbilt. He attends a not-for-credit program at Oxford University every summer.

After four years as a Naval Officer in a Patrol Plane Squadron in Maryland he started what was intended to be an around-the-world trip lasting a year or so, the first stop being London. He arrived mid-summer 1966 and fell so heavily in love with London he canceled plans for the rest of the trip. He heartily recommends "White Heat" by

Dominic Sandbrook to anyone who wants to learn about London in the "Swinging Sixties".

Following receipt of his MBA he embarked on a twenty-five year business career, mostly in international finance. The last ten years of his career he taught business administration courses at two small liberal arts colleges, Ottawa University in Kansas and Virginia Military Institute. He also taught summers, for ten years in Hong Kong, Singapore and various cities in Malaysia.

He retired in 2005 returning to Nashville where he had lived in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He has an adult son, daughter-in-law, three year-old grandson, and one year-old granddaughter living in suburban Chicago.

Bill enjoys the ESU for the international exposure and the attitudes of its members.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Would you or someone you know, like to be involved?

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In Memoriam

ELIZABETH BELL (BETTY) ROBISON died peacefully at home in Nashville, TN at the age of 89 on January 29, 2013, several weeks after her late husband, Charles D. Robison, Jr. Betty was born on April 21, 1923 to Elizabeth Jernigan and Alex H. Bell in Norfolk, VA. Betty graduated from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, VA and attended the William & Mary extension college, now Old Dominion University. Betty and Charlie began a loving 68-year marriage on September 2, 1944. Charlie's naval career provided interesting assignments in Newport, San Diego, Charleston, Norfolk, Nashville and southern France. Their love of travel and adventure began during this time, which they both fully enjoyed for many years. In 1962, they moved to Nashville. Betty was a devoted homemaker, mother, wife and the consummate, gracious hostess. She was an active community volunteer and was involved in The Junior League, St. George's Episcopal Church, The Colonial Dames of America and Travellers Rest Plantation. Her home was always open to family and friends from near and far.

Tennessean

CHARLES DUPUY ROBISON, JR. died in his sleep on December 9, 2012 at age 91. He was born in South Orange, NJ to the late Charles DePuy Robison, Sr. and his wife Sarah Hooper Weston. He grew up in Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1942 and served for 23 years as an officer in the [United States Navy](#). During [World War II](#), his first assignment was aboard the destroyer USS Glennon, which participated in the invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach and sank from a mine explosion. He was then transferred to the USS James C. Owens in the Pacific Theater, which was involved in the invasion of Okinawa. A month later, he was part of a team assessing the damage in Hiroshima, Japan. After the war, he taught engineering at [Vanderbilt University](#) and made many friends in Nashville. Upon returning from a three year tour of duty in the Mediterranean, he retired from the Navy and moved to Nashville becoming a partner in business in 1962. In 1966, he started Admiral Binder Corporation, which grew into a successful business. In 1984, he sold the company and retired. In retirement, he continued as an active member of the Nashville [Rotary Club](#) (50 years), the Boy Scouts of America, taught Junior Achievement, and traveled to many far away places visiting family and lifelong friends. He was also a proud member of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He never met a stranger and was always interested in meeting new people.

Tennessean

CHARLOTTE HAILEY SUMMERS passed away on the 29th of October, 2012 at 89 years of age. She was the daughter of W.L. Hailey and Louise Oakley Hailey. As a native of Nashville, TN, she received her education and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1941. She pursued her interest in theatre and drama at [Vanderbilt University](#) and [Northwestern University](#). After World War II, she continued her studies in those fields at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. Upon her return to Nashville, she met and married T.C. Summers. In 1999, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, an event which, unknown to them at the time, was less than one year prior to his death. During those years, she was very involved in raising two boys, and in participating in several civic organizations. Her more active involvement was as member of The Centennial Club, [the English-Speaking Union](#), the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and the West End Home Auxiliary. At the time of her death, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

Tennessean

British University Summer School (BUSS) Fellowships:

Along with many other ESU branches, we award a fellowship to a high school teacher for summer study at Oxford University, the Globe Theatre Centre in London, or the Scottish Universities International summer school program.

Funding for these awards is entirely dependent upon contributions from our members to the Nashville Branch Education Fund. This is a way to remember someone on that special occasion, during holidays or as a "thank you" for just being a friend.

Do you know a local high school teacher who might benefit from this opportunity?

Please encourage them to get in touch with our education chair.

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