



2020 HAT COMPETITION and Tribute to the last 15 years of ESU Garden Parties

Thank you to everyone who got into the quarantine spirit and submitted a photo for the hat competition. Thank you for those who sent in donations and who plan to participate in the Zoom Cocktail (Mocktail) Party on Friday, June 19th at 5PM. I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

The winner will be announced on Friday at the Zoom event and the he/she will receive Tea for Two at Sofitel.

It is not too late to join us on Friday, June 19th at 5pm. Nothing will replace our Annual Garden Party, but this is the next best thing. Visit our website to register. www.esus.org/Philadelphia We request a \$25 donation to participate in the competition and the Zoom event.

Please see Page two for a letter from the President. I hope you enjoy this tribute to Garden Parties of the past. It includes photos of hat wearing attendees from Garden Parties from the past 15 years. Putting together this newsletter made me happy and sad. Sad to see many of our members who are pictured that are no longer with us, but very happy with all of the great memories of the fun times we had together. I look forward to the time when we can all gather together again safely. Please enjoy!





President's Column

Dear Friends,

It has been a confusing and solemn time over the last several months. I wasn't sure if summer would ever come and how it would feel. There is still so much uncertainty ahead.



What we are certain about, is that it will be some time before things get back to normal...and there will be a new normal.

I miss seeing everyone and although this has not changed the mission of The English-Speaking Union, it has changed the way we operate. Some of the 60 branches of the ESU don't have the level of social engagements that we do and do not rely on them for the operations of the branch as well as raising the money to support programs like the Shakespeare Competition. I hope our members and friends understand the hardship that Covid-19 has caused our branch and we would be grateful for any support you can provide. All I can say is that we are not out of the game yet, and we plan to start our social functions as soon and safely as possible.

I hope you have a great summer and get to see some family and friends that you have been separated from soon.

I also hope you can join us on Friday, June 19th at 5pm for our Zoom Cocktail Hour to give us a chance to catch up.

At this time, we plan to have our Fall event at The Philadelphia Club in October. This event will honor our Treasurer of many years, Will Jordan. It will also honor ESU past Presidents and be our kickoff event to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. Please save the date: Friday, December 16, 2020.

Stay safe and please reach out to us if you need anything.

Very Truly Yours,

Frank
President



ROYAL OAK LECTURES

The Royal Oak Foundation is the American Partner of the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their mission is to encourage Americans to learn about, experience and support places of great historic and natural significance throughout the United Kingdom. Our members receive unlimited entry to all National Trust UK properties.

Our branch has received the honor of being listed as a co-sponsor of these events to recognize the steadfast support they receive from our membership. **Location: The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad Street.** We have no date set for the next lecture, but look forward to them starting up again in the fall.





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