

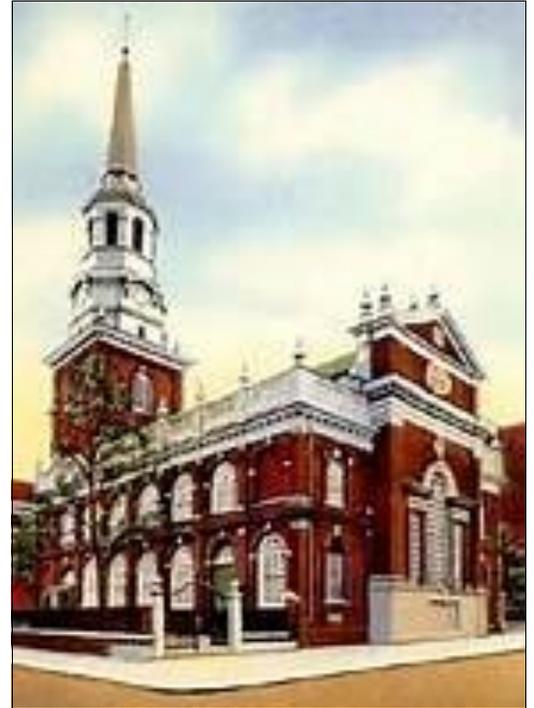


Sunday, December 18th—A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS



Please join members and friends for the 5th Annual Christmas Celebration and benefit for St. James School. An Advent service of Lessons and Carols is being planned at Christ Church (20 N. American Street, Philadelphia) starting at 5pm. Following the service, guests will be piped to The Neighborhood House across from the Church for a festive evening, sumptuous meal and open bar. Food is being provided by DiBruno Bros. You will also be able to try some Fish House Punch and go back in time for a Colonial Christmas Celebration. There will be a silent and live auction with great gifts for the holidays. Look at your email for updates on auction items and other details. Invitations will go out shortly. If you have any questions, please call the office at 215-545-3619 or email esu@libertynet.org.

Your co-chairs are George and Ronna Tyndall. They, along with the committee are planning additional treats to put us all in the Christmas Spirit.



Racquet Club Bridge

ESU Members are invited to join "Racquet Club Bridge" at 7pm on Mondays in the Main Bar of The Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

Beginners and rusty players welcome! This is a really easy-going bridge group!

If enough players attend, we shall try to have separate tables, based on experience and level of play. Let's try to start as close to 7:00 p.m. as possible, but players may arrive later, and they may leave whenever they need to.

You will be able to order from The Racquet Club's excellent Pub Menu. For questions or to be added to the email, please contact jamesmallinsonmail@gmail.com

The Racquet Club extends dining privileges to ESU members. Please register at the front desk (with a credit card) when you arrive at The Racquet Club to receive a Guest Pass.

The hours of operation for the dining facilities:

Gold Leaf Café: Monday to Friday, Noon to 2:30 PM

Full Service Brunch: Saturday, 11 AM to 2 PM

1889 Pub & Grille: Monday to Friday 5 to 11 PM and additional hours as posted



Please visit our website for dress code policies. www.RCOP.com

President's Column

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome as the new President of the Philadelphia Branch of The ESU. We have a great year in store



for our members. Our Prospective Member reception at Freeman's brought in 10 new members. We hope they will be active and take advantage of the events and programs we have to offer. It was a festive evening at Overbrook Gold Club on October 28th when we celebrated the Scottish in all of us. The food was excellent and the dancing was memorable. Please see the photos on the next page. I want to thank Jean and Ed Conroy, who co-chaired the event and worked with Judith to make this a great evening.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 18th. This will be the 5th Annual Christmas celebration that is co-hosted by The ESU and The Society of the Sons of St. George. Last year, over \$34,000 was raised for St. James School. This year...Lets make it \$40K!!

We continued to co-sponsor the Royal Oak Lectures at the Union League. I hope you will take advantage of the member discount. Preparations are starting on the Annual Shakespeare Competition. It will take place on Monday, February 20th at the Louis Bluver Theatre at The Drake. It is open to the public. It is our largest program and we are always looking for sponsors from \$300-\$3,000. If you are interested, know anyone who is interested, or just want more information, please do not hesitate to call our Executive Director, Judith Francis to get more information. 215-545-3619 Thank you for your continued support and interest in The ESU. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Very truly yours,

Pat Bushyager
President



Royal Oak Foundation at the Union League

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. The Philadelphia branch of The English-Speaking Union 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 St. FORMAL BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUIRED. For each lecture, there will be a cash bar reception at 6:00PM.

Lecture begins at 6:30PM

Lecture only: \$30 members and co-sponsors*; \$40 non-members.

Lecture and dinner: \$75 members and co-sponsors*; \$80 non-members.

Registration is required: <http://www.royal-oak.org/lectures> or 800-913-6565, ext. 201 *use code 16FESUP to receive the discounted price November 7th is the last lecture this fall. Lectures will continue in the spring.

Monday, November 7th—Sarah Gristwood Game of Queens: The Women Who Rules 16th Century Europe

During the 16th century, large swathes of Europe were under the firm hand of a reigning queen or a female regent.

From Isabella of Castile to her daughter Katherine of Aragon and granddaughter Mary Tudor; from Louise of Savoy to her daughter Marguerite of Navarre; from Marguerite's admirer Anne Boleyn to her daughter Elizabeth Tudor—this period was marked by an explosion of female rule scarcely equaled even today.

Despite being on opposing sides of armed struggles, through family ties and patronage, noble women educated and supported each other in a brutal world where the price of failure was disgrace, exile or even death.

Following the passage of power from mother to daughter, and mentor to protégé, Sarah Gristwood weaves together the stories of familiar figures such as Anne Boleyn with those of lesser-known women in a striking portrayal of one of the most dramatic periods in European history, based on her new book *Game of Queens: The Women Who Made Sixteenth-Century Europe* (Perseus Books 2016).

Ms. Gristwood will reveal the unorthodox practices these women adopted and assess the impact they had on shaping the world around them.

Epic in scale, this game of queens is a remarkable tale of skill and ingenuity and the challenges faced by women in power - many of which still hold relevant today.

Reservations for this lecture are required. Please see above for instructions.



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION

On Thursday, October 13th, The ESU and The Society of the Sons of St. George held a joint Prospective Member Reception at Freeman's Auction. The event took place amidst the British and European Furniture and Decorative Arts Preview Sale. Freeman's Auctioneer, Nick Nicholson, joined the event and gave a brief gallery talk about the exhibit. The ESU welcomes the following new members that joined that evening:



New members; Joan Hall and Marjorie Morris

Janice A. Bryson
 Beverly Caplan Freeman
 Marcus Golde and Tim Mann
 James and Joan Hall
 Robert J. Hunter
 Marjorie Morris
 Frank and Susan O'Donnell, Jr.
 Carole G. Shea



A HIGHLAND FLING—At Overbrook Gold Club—October 28th

Members and friends of The ESU gathered for an evening of Piping, kilts, plaid sashes and Scottish Dancing. Guests were entertained at the entrance by Piper William Watson and Drummer, Alison Martin. After dinner, guests were presented with a dance performance by The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. After the performance, the guests joined in for instruction and fun!



Sheila Leith, George & Ronna Tyndall



Co-Chairs:
 Ed and Jean Conroy Flute: Daniel Emery Fiddle: Adam Oleksa

Debbie Webster
 Gayla McCluskey

David Shields
 Andy Webster
 Bob Hanrahan



Left to right — with RSCDS Dancers — Carroll Shields, Faith Leibman, Will Jordan and Pat Bushyager

**IN THE NEWS:**

In October, The English-Speaking Union received a Citation from Governor Tom Wolf's office stating:



"GREETINGS: It is my pleasure to join with the English-Speaking Union to support November 2016 as William Shakespeare Month.

Literature serves to unite cultures and enrich our lives. To celebrate William Shakespeare's legacy and mark 400 years since his passing, several organizations have come together to bring Shakespeare's First Folio to all individuals. As one of the most influential books to be published, the First Folio includes 36 of William Shakespeare's plays, which carry much historical and cultural significance. I would like to welcome this national tour to Elizabethtown, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to be engaged and enlightened by this event. I applaud this event for promoting access and understanding of Shakespeare's masterpieces to audiences of all ages. I am certain that Shakespeare's First Folio will continue to inspire passion and creativity in the citizens of this commonwealth for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am honored to offer my support for November 2016 as William Shakespeare Month." - Tom Wolf, Governor

Calendar of Events

- November 7** **Royal Oak:** *Game of Queens: The Women Who Made 16th-Century Europe*
- November 11** **Teaching Shakespeare Workshop**
(Elizabethtown, PA)
- December 18** **A Colonial Christmas**
(Christ Church)
- February 20** **Shakespeare Competition**
(The Bluver Theatre at The Drake)
- March 5** **Shakespeare Competition Reception**

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