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President's Corner

Hello Denver Branch Members,

March has certainly lived up to its reputation as the our snowiest month but Spring is within sight! The National Shakespeare Competition is just around the corner and I will be attending on behalf of the Denver Branch. I would very much like to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to attend the National Shakespeare Competition this year. I have not been in several years and I am sure it will be exciting

We are so proud to congratulate Chase Mackay, our Denver Branch Winner! The Denver Branch is sponsoring the cost of the Broadway show that the student competitors and their parents will attend. The students will arrive the weekend of April 6 and participate in a welcome reception and have a bus tour of the major attractions of The Big Apple. Then they will attend a Broadway show (TBD) on Sunday and participate in an acting workshop. The competition starts Monday morning and goes through the day. This year's competition will take place at the Lincoln Center once again.

We are still seeking some ideas about the King's Tea and other social events that we might want to sponsor for Denver Branch members. In January we all met at Pints for lunch and enjoyed a wonderful British- fare luncheon.. I had the bangers and mash. Yum. Then we enjoyed a tour of the art exhibits at the Denver Art Museum. I am also interested in starting a bookclub. I do live in east Aurora which might be quite a trek for some, but please don't hesitate to reach out to me at cepoinsett65@gmail.com or text me at 303-641-1059 if you have any interest or know of any books that might be of interest to our group.

The Branch has selected TLab Scholars for the summer. I am so proud to congratulate Trevor Johnson, who teaches English at Cherokee Trail High School, as well as Sarah Luebking, who teaches at ThunderRidge High School.

Happy Spring everyone!
Cindy Poinsett, President ESU-Denver Branch

2024 TLab Scholars Announced



We are pleased to announce the 2024 TLab UK Scholars. Sarah Luebking, English teacher at ThunderRidge High School plans to study at Oxford and Trevor Johnson teacher at Cherokee Trail High School, will attend the program at the University of Edinburgh

Upcoming ESU Calendar



**Saturday
May
9:15-10:45**

Board of Director's Meeting
St. John's Cathedral
1350 Washington Street

Denver Shakespeare Competition



At 5:30 on Saturday, February 10, the Denver Branch students, families, and guests gathered for the Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition at the Conservatory Theatre at the Denver Center for Performing Arts (DCPA) Education Building.

The DCPA judges selected Chase McKay from Denver School of the Arts to represent the Denver Branch at the National Competition in New York.

A thank you goes out to Cindy Poinsett for organizing the Branch Competition and Millicent Ambroggio for her role as Judge Liason.

Afternoon with the All Stars

On Saturday, January 20, Denver Branch members visited the Denver Art Museum All Stars Exhibition. The day started with Board of Directors meeting at St. John's Cathedral followed by lunch at Pints Pub. The group then journeyed to the museum for a docent-led tour of exhibit of American artists from the DC-based Phillips Collection.

This collection featured works by more than 50 artists including Benny Andrews, Arthur G. Dove, Childe Hassam, Jacob Lawrence, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jackson Pollock, and more.



Denver Branch Members at the DAM All Stars Exhibit



**The English-Speaking Union
is proud to announce that the
2024 National Shakespeare Competition
will be held at
The Mitzi Newhouse Theater at Lincoln
Monday, April 15th, 2024**

The exciting weekend of events starts Saturday, April 13 and includes:

**A welcome reception, Acting workshops for contestants, An NYC Bus Tour,
A Broadway Show... and more!**

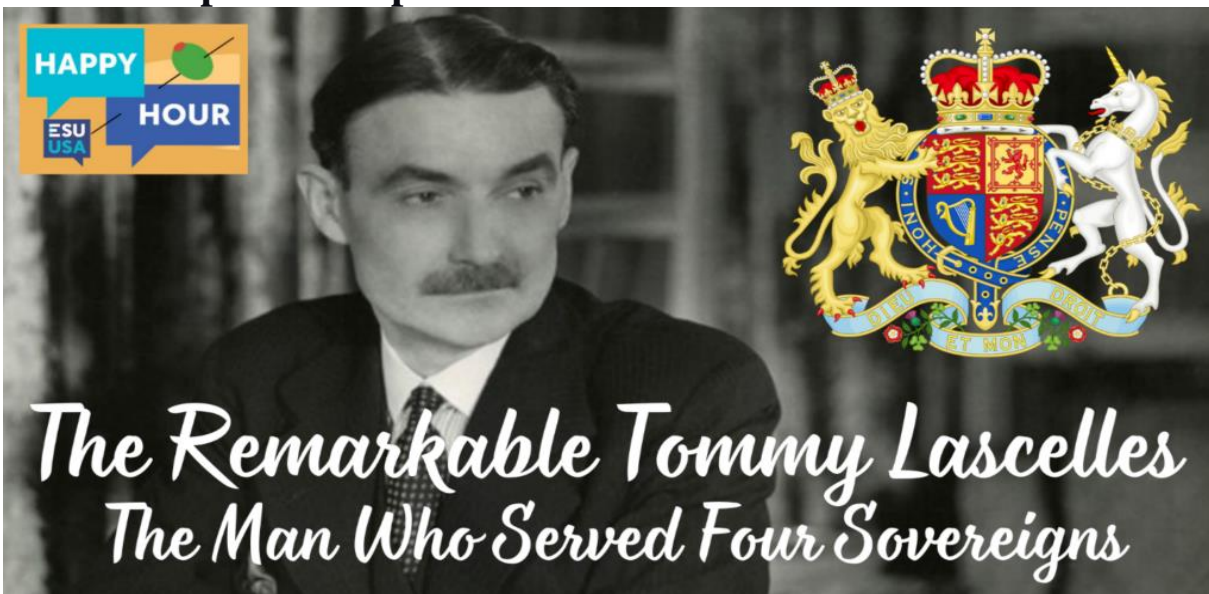
2024 National Shakespeare Competition Prizes

**1ST PLACE: BRITISH AMERICAN DRAMA ACADEMY MID-SUMMER CONSERVATORY
PROGRAM AT OXFORD**

2ND PLACE: AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE CENTER THEATRE CAMP IN STAUNTON, VA

3RD PLACE: \$1000

Happy Hour: The Remarkable Tommy Lascelles with Terry Mulchahey March 20 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EST



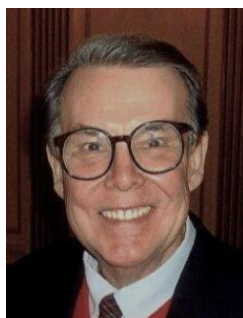
Sponsored by the ESU Richmond Branch

Alan Frederick “Tommy” Lascelles had a remarkable career serving four sovereigns of Great Britain from George V to Queen Elizabeth II in the role of Private Secretary or Assistant Private Secretary. From the death of a monarch, through the abdication of another, World War II, the death of a second monarch and the ascension of a young woman to the throne, Tommy was there closely observing everything. Was he the malevolent martinet as portrayed by Pip Torrens in the Netflix series “The Crown” or was he merely wholly dedicated to preserving the Monarchy by guiding the Monarch?

We will explore Tommy’s life, education, family, and career as well as the role of the Private Secretary. Our guest speaker, Terry Mulchahey, examines the fascinating life of Tommy Lascelles. This ESU Happy Hour is sponsored by the ESU Richmond Branch. ESU Happy Hour programs are online, free, and open to all members and the public. Registration is required. All programs take place on Eastern Time.

[Register Here](#)

About Terry Mulchahey



It was from my Canadian born mother that I got my dual U.S.-Canadian citizenship and my love of all things British (except Marmite). Educated at Michigan State University and Cornell University, I spent my business career with domestic and international corporations but maintained a strong curiosity and interest in non-work subjects. Those subjects were often individuals in history, particularly British, whose lives and careers drew my attention. As a result, I have taken “deep dives” into the lives of people like Arthur J. Balfour, Mark Sykes, Earnest Shackleton and the subject of my ESU Happy Hour, Alan Frederick “Tommy” Lascelles.