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REGIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

10 AM

TROUTT THEATER

Belmont University

2112 Belmont Boulevard



Parking at the rear and across the street.

*ESU members and friends are encouraged to attend.
The talent in our schools is impressive.*

The Nashville Branch of the ESU will introduce "Singing Shakespeare" to the Regional Shakespeare Competition on Saturday, March 5, at the Troutt Theater on Belmont Campus. For the first time outside of England, another country will inaugurate this program -- aptly beginning in Music City USA. Each school participating may select a soloist, an ensemble, or a full chorus performing a contemporary or a modern or an original setting from a song in one of Shakespeare's plays to compete. Winners will sing again at the celebration of [Shakespeare's Birthday on Sunday afternoon, April 24, in the Downtown Public Library](#), hosted by the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, and also at Shakespeare in the Park, as well as other events. The winner of the Shakespeare competition will fly, all expenses paid, to New York City for the national finals on the stage at Lincoln Center. The winner there will go to England in the summer to study Shakespeare, with appropriately impressive awards for the first and second runner-up.

Anyone who has not attended the Competition should make plans to come to the Troutt at 10:00 on the 5th. We will have coffee and other refreshments but would welcome contributions from our members. (Contact Lynne Siesser, [615-298-5659](tel:615-298-5659) or lsiesser7@gmail.com) This major educational program by our Branch yearly astounds its audience with the talent of the region's high school student as they perform a soliloquy from a play and a sonnet. Come and see how your dues, local and national, support the "E" for Education in our logo -- ESU. The Shakespeare Competition and the new Singing Shakespeare enlarge the learning experience of every student who participates, along with that of their classmates and teachers. When you see what they have achieved, your appreciation for the work of the Nashville Branch will also expand. And do bring friends, as this event is open to the public.

See you Saturday, March 5 at 10 am

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Message from the Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, US . . .

February 17, 2016

Dear ESU Members,

At its meeting on October 10, 2015, the National Board of Directors approved its Branch Services Committee's recommendation that ESUUS adopt and implement a new organizational and management structure. This legal reorganization, now in process, will provide immense benefits to the ESU at all levels.

The world has changed dramatically in the century since the ESU was founded in the US in 1920. The increased litigious and regulatory environment in which we find ourselves, together with the need for us to establish a unity of organization and purpose, make it incumbent on us to restructure both Branch operations and the organization as a whole. Local organizational Branch structures, which may have worked well decades ago, pose far too many risks today.

The primary goal of this reorganization is to provide better liability protection for all Branch individuals including Board members, members of the Branches and other volunteers, all of whom provide valuable educational programming and support in accomplishing our mission. In addition, this new legal structure will also strengthen and better protect our nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status with the IRS.

Under the new legal structure, each ESU Branch will be formed as its own Limited Liability Company entity. This LLC structure offers greater management flexibility which will benefit the Branches and the ESU as a national philanthropic organization.

As we transition into this new LLC structure for all Branches over the next months, ESU members will not notice any significant changes in the daily operations within their Branches. All the benefits and legal liability protections of the new LLC structures will be transparent to members when the new structure takes effect.

As the ESU confronts the challenges of the 21st Century and re-affirms our mission in a spirit of unity of purpose, we can all take pride in our ability to adjust to new realities. When our new legal restructuring is complete early in the new fiscal year, we are confident the ESU will meet and even exceed the best practices and governance policies which align with the most successful nonprofit organizations in the US.

We sincerely appreciate all you do for the ESU and we wish each and every Branch great success as the ESU begins this transition leading up to our centenary and well beyond into the future.

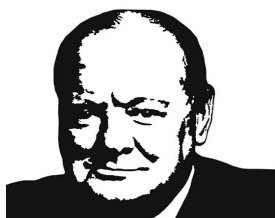
Very best wishes,



Dr. Paul Beresford-Hill
Chairman



Things to do . . .



CHURCHILL

**IN FORMATION
GROUP OF
CHURCHILL ADMIRERS**

This is a group of Sir Winston Churchill Admirers that meets periodically in Franklin TN for discussion and libations.

If you would like to join the group please:

Send an Email:

Subject: CAR (Churchill Admirers Request) expressing your interest, giving your full name and any other contact information you care to share to:

Johnmather@aol.com

Upon receipt of your information you will receive an email note confirming you are now a member of the Group and periodically receive additional information.

*"From the tables down at Mory's
To the place where Lonie dwells
And the dear old Temple Bar we know so well,
Sing the Whiffenpoofs assembled
With their glasses raised on high!
And the magic of their singing casts a spell."*

All **ESU members** and friends are invited to attend a concert by the **Yale Whiffenpoofs** of 2015-2016.

The Whiffenpoofs are the premier college Acapella singing group in the world, having performed nationally and internationally for over 100 years.

Location:

Immanuel Baptist Church

222 Belle Meade Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37205

Date: **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

Time: **7:00 PM**

The concert is without charge, but the group will be accepting donations of any amount and will be offering their current CDs for sale.

For details contact Mac Whiteman at nummer99@yahoo.com

NASHVILLE OCCASIONALS CRICKET CLUB vs PAGET'S MARAUDERS

(a visiting team from the U.K.)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Pontotoc Farm, 1407 Old Hillsboro Road, home of Hank & Mary Brockman

Bring your own deck chair or blanket * bring your own bottle & a picnic lunch or join us for afternoon tea.

Admission: Day membership to the NOCC may be purchased at the "gate"
\$5 individual or \$10 per car with 1+ passengers

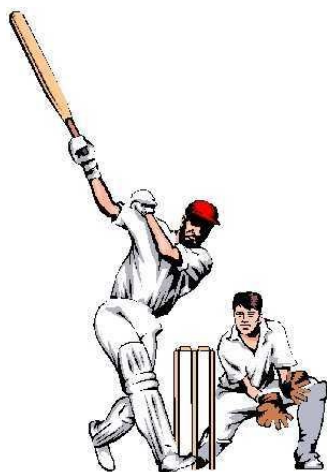
"The Middle & Keg" will be available to members of the Nashville Occasionals & Marauders Cricket Clubs.

Children welcome, but please, no pets Pontotoc is a working horse farm.

For directions and information:

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Email their address to lsiesser7@gmail.com and we'll mail them a membership brochure.

Calling for nominations (or volunteers)

For president of the Nashville Branch of the

English-Speaking Union

Send nominations to

Robin Sinclair

RobinFive@aol.com

