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Introducing Breakfast at Belmont



Watch for your invitation to the launch of this exciting new program for the Nashville Branch. It is the brainchild of late board member, Dr. Richard Treadway.

Anne Guerra met with **David E. Curtis, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Belmont is very committed to the community and building relationships.

Dr. Curtis is very enthusiastic about the **Breakfast at Belmont** concept . It will be a win-win for the ESU and for Belmont. The **ESU-Breakfast at Belmont** series will be presented in January, March, May, September, November, 2015.

The kick-off will be at **Belmont Mansion** from **8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, December 16**. Breakfast because this is a Breakfast oriented program! Belmont Mansion will be beautifully decorated for Christmas. So Come One, Come All to our Nashville Branch **Christmas Party**.

Dr. Curtis will give a Christmas-themed presentation on treasured American author, **Washington Irving**.

These breakfasts will likely also be attended by some professors, graduate students, undergraduate students.

There are also various symposiums taking place on campus which may be of interest to our ESU members.



David E. Curtis, Ph.D.,

University of Tennessee-Knoxville) is Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Since coming to Belmont, Dr. Curtis has taught numerous undergraduate and graduate courses in Early American Literature, African American Literature, and Critical Theory, including many online classes. As a professor, Dr. Curtis is interested in the ways new technologies intersect with scholarship, critical theory, and pedagogical practice.

Welcome new members:

- Andrea and John Calfee, Jr.
- Nell and John Henderson
- Kippie Leland
- Rickey Chick Marquardt
- Jennifer and Gus Puryear, IV

Do you have a friend interested in participating in ESU activities? Email their address to

lsiesser7@gmail.com

and we'll mail them a membership brochure.

Sinking the Lusitania

Quote from one of the attendees to Anne Guerra:
 What a splendid and elegant evening all enjoyed!!
 The Centennial Club was perfect, too!
 The Menu was beautiful!



What a lovely compliment **Diana Preston (speaker)** paid the Nashville ESU
“Saved BEST for last!”



Diana and Michael Preston

GET TO KNOW **Membership Chair, Betty Jane Brindley Chalfant**

1987-2014 -Founder and Co-owner of Corporate Travel Management of America, Inc., Brentwood, Tennessee d/b/a CHALFANT TRAVEL SERVICES. Agency specializes in



customized International and Domestic travel sales and arrangements for groups and individuals since 1987. In 2003, agency was converted to a Home-Office ARC/IATAN accredited and bonded location. Travel educational experiences outside the United States is extensive in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, parts of Russia, Israel, Turkey, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Rhodes and Cyprus. BJ has planned and escorted the First Vanderbilt Reunion Tour to the Orient in 1976 for 104 Alumni and also groups to Scandinavia, Israel, Scotland, England, and many Vanderbilt Alumni football and basketball trips. She has planned and escorted group travel to Natchez, MS. and other National and local sights of historical significance.

1982- 1987 – She created the Corporate Travel Department for Hospital Corporation of America, Inc. and was Vice-President of Parthenon Travel, an HCA subsidiary corporation, d/b/a Travel Unlimited of Nashville. She directed 23 employees, 3,500 travelers, and sales of \$15+ million. She made more profit for HCA in one year than three managed hospitals with outstanding record of good Customer Service. She was responsible for reservations for F.A.R. 135 HCA Corporate Fleet of Aircraft.

1980-1982 - SKYCAR, Inc. - Supervisor for General Aviation Aircraft Reservations. Hired 15 plus agents and directed national reservations office.

1975- 1980 -Enzor Travel Services, Brentwood, TN. – Outside Sales Representative and Speaker to potential groups and organizations.

Ultimately promoted to Branch Manager where she was responsible for complete operation, sales and profit of the branch agency.

1962-1965 – **AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.** She began as Telephone Reservations Sales Agent, and

then, was promoted to Flagship Desk, making reservations with Executive and Corporate Account Representatives and VIPs. American Airlines City Ticket Office.

POLITICAL AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE:

Chairman, Williamson County Republican Party Steering Committee
First V-President and Secretary, Williamson Co Republican Party
Host Committee for Don Sundquist for Governor
Co-Chairman, Williamson County Jim Henry for Governor Committee
Founder and Charter President, Williamson County Republican Career Women
TFRW Distinguished Republican Woman, August 19, 1995

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ACCOLADES:

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HERITAGE AFFILIATIONS – PAST & PRESENT:
First Families of Tennessee
Founder, Brindley International Historical Foundation
Daughters of the American Revolution and Campbell Chapter Regent
Tennessee State President, Southern Dames of America, Inc.

EDUCATION:

Robertson Academy, Oak Hill, Nashville, TN.
Hillsboro High School, Nashville, TN.
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

PERSONAL:

Married to 7th District Williamson County Commissioner **Bertram H. Chalfant, Jr.**
Four children and 13 grandchildren
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN. - where I currently serve as Presbyterian Women's Cluster 7 Area Leader



Birthday Boy, Roupen & Bitsey Gulbenk

Kathryn Glynn, Bob Guerra, Sandra Frank, Gerry Calboun, John Glynn, Michael Preston, Diana Preston, Betty Jane Chalfant, Bert Chalfant
Front row: Joan Campbell, Ann Calboun, Anne Guerra, Richard Frank

Our Fall Dinner on October 16 featured the Evelyn Wrench speaker, noted author, Diana Preston and her husband, Michael. On Friday, the Prestons went sightseeing with the Calhouns followed by a dinner with host, Joan Campell



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