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For your calendars – please join us:

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

REGIONAL FINALS – SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

10 a.m.

Black Box in the Troutt Theater,

Belmont University, 2100 Belmont Boulevard

Parking lots for the Troutt Theater are across Compton from the sign-posted entrance and also behind the theater.



SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012

Page Scholar, Lydia Rushton of Manchester, England

3p.m. for afternoon tea

Shadowbrook, 5397 Rawlings Road, Joelton



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012

Lord Watson of Richmond, CBE

Chairman of the English Speaking Union for six years, he is now International Chairman Emeritus. In 2005 he was awarded The Churchill Medal. He is High Steward of Cambridge University as well as Chairman of the Council of Commonwealth Societies (involved in the planning of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee) and a member of the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims. He is Co Chair of the Jamestown 1607-2007 British Committee. Additionally he is a member of the Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum.

4p.m. for Cocktails

Wessex Towers, 6666 Brookmont Terrace



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Roger Pringle

Now retired, Roger Pringle was the director of The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for many years. An academic with a passion for the Shakespeare's heritage and cultural legacy. Roger's lectures are impeccably researched and showcase years of personal interest and experience.

5:30p.m. for Black-tie Dinner

Hillwood Country Club,

Further details to follow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Susan D. Sinclair, Ph.D.



We have had an exciting year so far and are looking forward to a great Spring Tea. Wear a hat, if you can! Shadowbrook always does a

spectacular over-the-top tea for us. Anyone like strawberries and cream? Or scones? Or those little chocolates? Besides the great food, we will be meeting our new visiting Page Scholar from England Lydia Rushton. This meeting will feature lots of time to socialize and see the garden, too. You DON'T want to miss this.

If anyone has a problem with driving out there, please call either Dick Knight, Lynne Siesser or me to find a ride. We don't want you to

miss this event because of its location.

We are very excited about our spring meeting which will have a British Empire theme and a surprise speaker. Watch for your invitation. Our Fall programs, with Lord Watson coming to visit and with our Wrench speaker Roger Pringle on November 1! Please come and enjoy things with the Nashville ESU!



These pictures are from Twelfth Night and the Fall Banquet. Other events can be seen on the website.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD . . . MACLIN D. WHITEMAN, (*Treasurer*)



Maclin Davis Whiteman is from New Haven, CT and he grew up there and in New York City and Martha's Vineyard, MA. He attended Yale University where he received a BA in Music and Psychology in 1972, and he subsequently received an MBA in Finance from the American University in Washington, DC in

1979. While at Yale he joined and still performs occasionally with the renowned Yale Russian Chorus. He performed with this group at the request of the Clinton Administration for a White House State dinner honoring Boris Yeltsin in 1994.

He has been a commercial banker, a financial consultant with various insurance companies and securities firms, and a Revenue Agent with the Department of Treasury of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He came to Nashville in 1995 and was a Financial Analyst with the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions.

In 2003 he became a full time tournament bridge player and teacher and is an active member of the Vanderbilt Bridge Club and the American Contract Bridge League. He has played duplicate bridge in 44 states and several foreign countries. He writes bridge columns occasionally under the title "The Peripatetic Bridgmeister" which underscores his continuous travels to play bridge and to pursue the perfect hand.

His parents were the late Dr. Harold Bartlett Whiteman Jr. and Edith Davis Whiteman, both originally from

Nashville. Dr. Whiteman was a core member of the English-Speaking Union and remained active in that role until his death in 2002.

Mac is a board member of FINO Doggie Rescue, Inc. out of Parkland, FL, a non-profit organization dedicated to the sheltering of homeless animals. He is a member of the nominating committee of the Vanderbilt Bridge Club. He also is a member of the Yale Alumni Schools Committee of Middle Tennessee, a group that aids the Yale Undergraduate Admissions Office in evaluating and interviewing candidates for Yale College.

His literary accomplishments outside of bridge include "A Treatise to and the Origins of Murphy's Law", which examines the history of this legend which basically states that "If something can go wrong it will and most likely at the most inopportune time".

Mac is divorced and has two sons, James, an investment banker in London, England, and Alexander, a college student in Murfreesboro, TN. Last year Mac attended his son James' wedding to Megha Gupta from Calcutta in a royal Hindu ceremony in Jaipur, India. He had the unforgettable privilege of watching his son ride into the ceremony on top of a six-ton painted elephant named "Peanut".

Don't miss the Scottish Heritage exhibit and celebration at the Downtown Library on Saturday, April 7 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Organized by ESU board member, LCDR John Glynn of GlynStewart



2012 Distinguished Alumni, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma

Ann Jennalie Cook, '56 BA English, '59 MA English

Cook graduated Phi Beta Kappa from OU and received the Leitseizer Medal for Outstanding Senior Woman. She received her doctoral degree on a Danforth Graduate Fellowship from Vanderbilt after the birth of her two daughters. Cook served as a professor at Vanderbilt for 20 years and a lecturer on Shakespeare. She continues to teach in the Sewanee School of Letters at the University of the South and in Vanderbilt's Lifelong Learning program.

From 1975 until 1987, she served as executive director of the Shakespeare Association of America. As chairman of the International Shakespeare Association for eight years, she presided over the Tokyo Congress in 1991. She is a Life Trustee of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in

Stratford-upon-Avon, the only United States citizen to hold that honor.

Cook is the author of several books about Shakespeare, including *The Privileged Playgoers* and *Making a Match*. She is married to OU alumnus Gerry Calhoun.

Cook's lecture "Subversive Shakespeare: Performances behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War," is set for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Jones Auditorium, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art

Ann Cook Calhoun, Ph.D. is our very own chair of education and former president of ESU, Nashville.

In Memoriam



GAULTNEY, Elizabethine Mulette Age 94, passed away October 4, 2011. She is preceded in death by husband, John O. Gaultney, a retired Vice President of New York Life Insurance Company; parents, the late Marion V. Mulette, London, England and Bertha Denny Mulette, a Nashville native; sisters, Marguerite M. Owen and Lucille M. Howard; brother, Robert Denny Mulette. Mrs. Gaultney was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, for more than 30 years. She was a member of The Colonial Dames of America, Chapter VII, General Francis Nashville Chapter of The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Colonial Dames of America of XVII Century, United States Daughters of 1812, and other patriotic organizations. Mrs. Gaultney was the Tower Bell Ringer of The Reformed Church, Bronxville, NY, active in the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of America. She studied Art under Don Pierce, New York City, a member of the Friends of Cheekwood, The Ladies Heritage Association, James K. Polk Association, Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, **The English-Speaking Union**, Williamson County and Brentwood Historical Societies.

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