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This is your invitation to the Fall Banquet

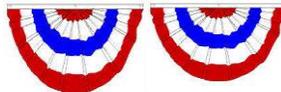
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

**AT
HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

5:30 p.m. Reception * 6:30 p.m. Speaker * 7:30 p.m. Dinner



"Abraham Lincoln" will be our speaker as portrayed by



**John Mansfield -
Lincoln Presenter.**

John has been told all his life he looks like Abraham Lincoln.

He has given an impromptu talk at the monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and recited the Gettysburg Address. John Mansfield is a Nashville-based Lincoln presenter who appeared in the 2008 film "Being Lincoln: Men With Hats", an interesting look at Lincoln and the men today that present "his story" to people of all ages.

Need a ride? Check with Dick Knight on car-pooling possibilities.
rhklwk@bellsouth.net 385-0848

R.S.V.P. with a check: \$60 per person

**Please indicate which entrée you prefer
on the enclosed card**

(checks made payable to The English-Speaking Union)

mailed to 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37215-3414

Questions? 298-5659 or lsiesser@comcast.net

Black Tie – Decorations



Those of you who were unable to attend the New Member Reception on Oct. 3rd, missed a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Members donated a wonderful assortment of delicious refreshments and **Colin and Scott Merrick** sang and accompanied on their guitars, providing delightful entertainment.

The upcoming Fall Banquet on **November 11th** promises to be another exciting and intriguing evening. Our guest speaker, Abraham Lincoln, will make this a night to remember. I hope to see all of you there.



Very few members last year missed the landmark event of the first ESU Twelfth Night celebration. Our second Twelfth Night celebration will be held at Travellers Rest on **Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 2011**. Preliminary plans indicate that you might want to put this date on your calendar right away.

You are invited to attend and/or volunteer to assist at the Shakespeare Workshop on **Jan. 29th** at Harpeth Hall and also at the Regional Shakespeare Finals on **Mar. 5th** at the Troutt Theater, Belmont University. These are both excellent events and you will be pleased with the high level of talent in our schools. Please contact **Ann Calhoun** to assist.

352-3521 or gercalhoun@aol.com



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The High Tea at Shadowbrook on **Apr. 3rd** promises to be another stellar event. Audrey Campbell will read her poetry accompanied by a violinist and pianist.

The Spring Banquet on **April 29th** will feature our National Chairman, former congresswoman and educator **Patricia S. Schroeder, J.D.**, as our speaker, and it will also kick-off our first ESU Region II meeting that weekend.

Many special thanks to those who have made donations to our local education programs. Your generous assistance in this key ESU initiative is critical as we strive to enrich the educational milieu of middle Tennessee.

Your executive committee members are busy finalizing arrangements for a busy 2010-2011 season. There may be some surprises. Watch this space.

by Theodore Elliott Wiltsie, Ed.D



Welcome new members:

Since the last newsletter

Hope & Earl Estopinal
Kathryn & John Glynn of GlynStewart
Jane Lauer
Patsey Reed
Elaine & Gerry Youngblood

Honorary new member:

Benjamin Crist – Franklin Classical School

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS TO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Since July 1, 2010

Gold Benefactors (\$500 or more)

Phyllis Heard

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Ann & Gerry Calhoun * Ann Marie & Martin McNamara * BB Schneider

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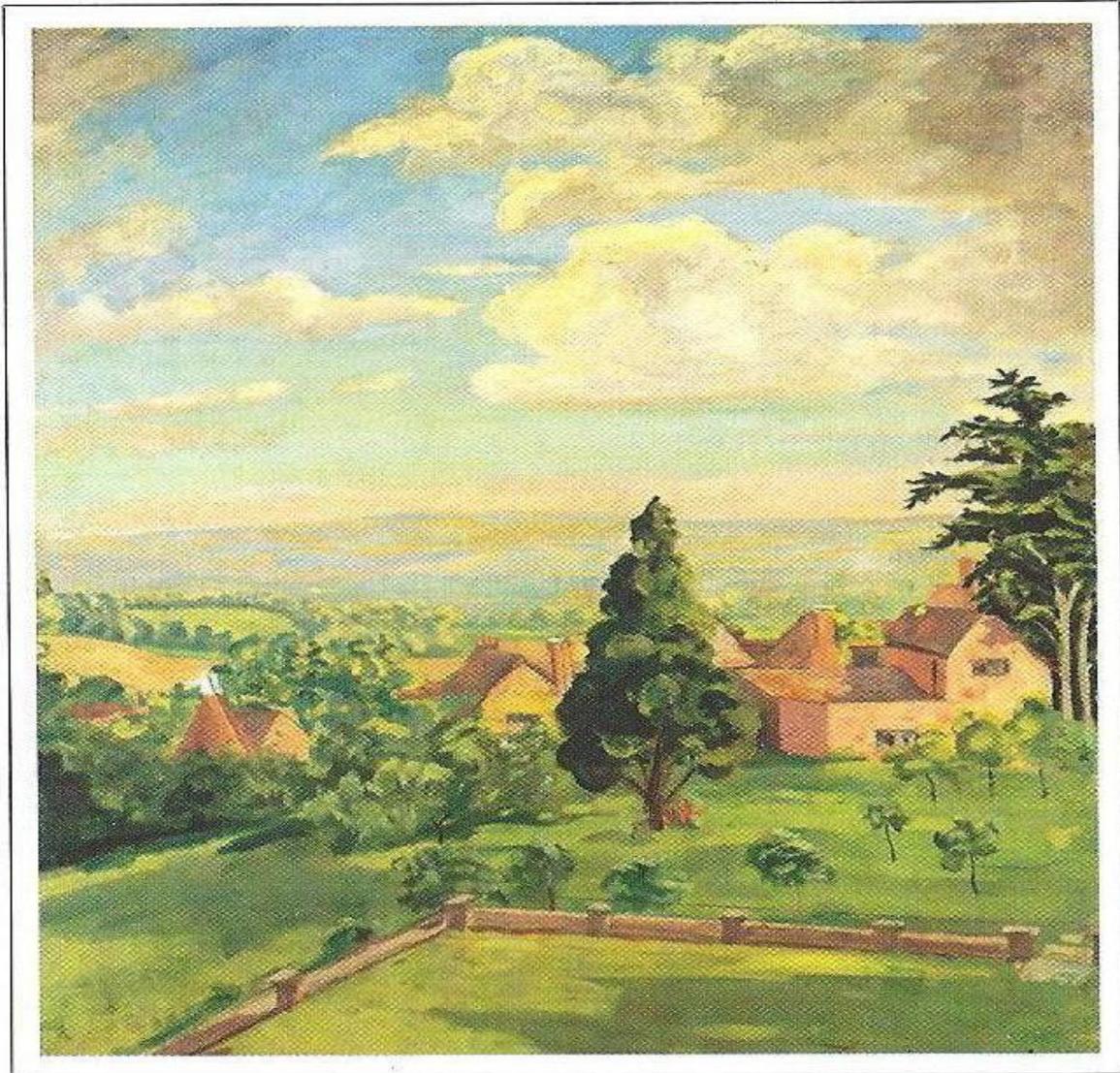
Joe Diehl * Jean & Dick Hart * Emily & Robert Mathews * Carol & John Rochford * Jane Stone

Mac Whiteman * Jane & Tom Yount

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Carolyn & David Amiot * Joan Campbell * Kathryn & John Glynn

Lynn & Jack May * Marlin & William Sanders * Jane Tarkington * Bennett Tarleton * Joan Vollmer



View from Chartwell

Sir Winston Churchill

One of Sir Winston Churchill's finest paintings now a limited edition.

The facsimile (#774 of 850) was purchased by our vice-president, Dr. Susan Sinclair and her mother, Sue Sinclair-Riggan as a gift for Susan's father. In 2010 Susan donated the framed picture to the Nashville Branch of the English-Speaking Union to be auctioned in support of the Branch's education programs.

Bidding started at the membership meeting on October 3 and will end at the Fall Banquet on November 11, 2010.

The picture will be on display at the Hillwood Country Club during the banquet and bidding will close at the end of the evening.

Top bid as of October 17, 2010 is by Jim Blockstock and stands at **\$350**.

NOTE ON ANOTHER CHURCHILL VIEW

**Lithograph on Paper: View from Chartwell by Winston Churchill as sold on winstonchurchillshop.com
\$684.99 ex VAT**

**Bids until November 10, 2010 may be sent to
Lynne Siesser at 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414 or emailed to her at
lsiesser@comcast.net**

The English-Speaking Union, Nashville - Volunteer Needs

Tap the wealth of experience among the membership: opportunities to participate actively in ESU goals and events.

Membership/Outreach

Chair: William T. Schwartz

Linda Walter

Become an ambassador for the ESU. Contact and involve civic organizations through the promotion of ESU events, programs and membership recruitment. (Treasurer maintains membership contact and financial database.)

Events

Chair: TBD

Bradley Brown, Donah & Roger Burgess, Jane Stone, Linda Walter

Initiate an interesting program or event and coordinate with other appropriate committee chairs.

Education Committee

Chair: Dr. Ann Cook Calhoun

Donah & Roger Burgess, Marion Couch, Lina Wellborn

Assist Ann on the promotion and arrangements for the Shakespeare Workshop and Competition and the Page Scholar. (A visiting international educator)

Fund Raising

Chair: TBD

Brainstorm and implement creative ways to raise funds for the ESU educational programs of the Nashville Branch.

Hospitality

Chair: TBD

Donah & Roger Burgess, Ann & Gerry Calhoun, Bitsy & Roupén Gulbenk, Joan Vollmer

Linda Walter, Lina Wellborn, Mac Whiteman

Coordinate with event chair and host/hostess to assist in arranging for refreshments at informal events.

Arrangements

Chair: TBD

Susan Creagh, Lina Wellborn

Coordinate with event chair and host/hostess in scheduling individuals to meet and greet at events; give parking directions; assist the elderly or those needing physical help; acquire, pick up and set up a PA system when necessary.

Public Relations

Chair: TBD

Periodically send information to local and regional media outlets announcing upcoming events, represent the ESU and solicit attendance and membership.

Communications

Chair: TBD

Bradley Brown

Assist as necessary by writing thank you notes, letters of condolence, and other necessary correspondence; write newsletters; mail reminder cards; make telephone calls.

Historian

Jane Stone

Maintain a chronological date/time log of programs, events and activities; reconstruct past history as able.

If you are interested in joining one of these teams, please let Lynne or Ted know.

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