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The English-Speaking Union Central Florida Branch

Presents

Professor Socky O'Sullivan

Strange Bedfellows

Monday
December

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Refreshments

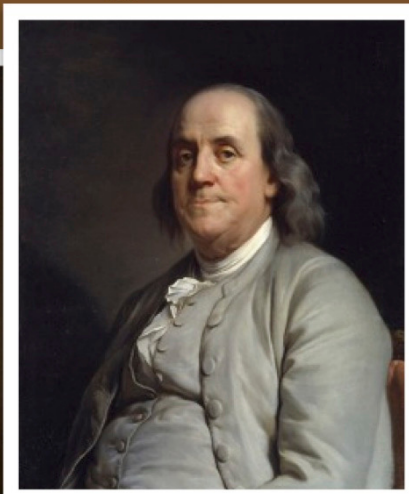
3:30 pm

Program

4:00 pm

University Club
of Winter Park

Program Leader
Ovid Vitas



What William Hogarth, England's greatest caricaturist, taught Ben Franklin, the most versatile of our founding fathers, about telling his life story. Hogarth's immensely popular prints on *Industry and Idleness* became the model for Franklin's *Autobiography*, which not only proved a popular and influential bestseller that offered young Americans a blueprint for success but was also the first American book Europeans regarded as serious literature.

Socky O'Sullivan Ph.D. is the Kenneth Curry Professor of Literature Emeritus at Rollins College. He has written and spoken extensively on literature, education, Irish culture, and Shakespeare.

- Masks required

- Social Distanced Seating

- Food will be served with proper precautions

- Meeting in-person only



President's Message



I recently came across an inspirational thought, and as we enter this Holiday Season, I felt it was the ideal time to share its essence:

This hit me...

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So, don't wait to be kind.

Don't wait for someone to change.

Just BE KIND,

Because you never know how much someone needs it.

Thus...

As this is a special time of the year when it warms the heart to think of exceptional people like each of you, may I wish that your home be filled with love, light and happiness.

Now and always...

Warm wishes to each of you for a Blessed Holiday, and may your New Year be filled with good health, peace, love, and joy... and of course...

Kindness!

Warmly,
Barbara





Won't You Be My Neighbor?

The answer to the long-standing question "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" has always been a loud resounding "Yes!" in the hearts of children all over the world. On October 28th, Rollins College celebrated the magical integrity of Fred Rogers by unveiling a meticulously crafted masterpiece in their Chapel Garden courtyard.

"A Beautiful Day for a Neighbor, the stunning bronze sculpture created by British artist Paul Day, will be our most visible and significant salute to our iconic Fred Rogers '51, 74H in his collegiate "neighborhood." This powerful work of art, depicting Mister Rogers surrounded by children and his cherished puppets, has traveled across the ocean to Fred's beloved Alma Mater, Rollins College. We are grateful to the donors who have made this installation possible."

-Grant Cornwall, President, Rollins College.



Kenneth Hubble (ESU member and former ESU President), Rita Bornstein (Former Rollins College President), John Rogers (son of Fred Rogers), Paul Day

[Click Here](https://youtu.be/bTNE3JWkrUo) or use the URL
<https://youtu.be/bTNE3JWkrUo>
to view the unveiling

It was under the bequest from an English-Speaking Union member that Paul Day was invited to Rollins College as the Gertrude Cole Scholar. One day after the unveiling, the talented sculptor lectured on "Artistic Vision and the Public Eye." The stimulating conversation took place at Tiendtke Hall where a special "Welcome English Speaking Union and Mayflower residents" message was projected onto the stage!



Member Spotlight

The ESU Scholarship Committee recently spied on Jeff Cook, who attended the Creative Writing Course at University of Scotland in Edinburgh as a Drey Scholar in 2019. Our intel revealed that Stage Door Theater, a Classical Repertory Theatre, dedicated to bringing professional- quality live theatre to the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta area, recently performed (staged) Cook's play, *Dinner at 6, Dead by 7*.



Jeff Cook,
Ocoee High School Drama Teacher,
2019 Drey Scholar

Jeff and his wife, Janet, were in the audience to see his play performed and had these comments to share: "What an amazing experience. Getting to watch someone else bring my words to life was so surreal, and seeing actors I've never worked with bringing these characters to life was uplifting to say the least."

According to his Facebook page, Jeff was congratulated by 135 friends and colleagues for having written a play that made it to the stage. One person's message read, "What a way to showcase your genius mind! Can't wait to see what else you *Cook* up." We here at the ESU also want to congratulate Cook on his recent playwriting success!

Contributed By:
Reta Jackson,
Vice President
Scholarships



Nancy Williams, Wolf Burchard, Schiffhorst, and
Barbara Hughes

Program Update

November included yet another successful Central Florida Branch program! Our speaker, Wolf Burchard, the Associate Curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art lectured to an audience full of ESU members. Days later we were all delighted to see our speaker quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* as he spoke on how "Disney Knows Rococco."

Tis the Season for Watching!

Amazing lectures are everywhere this season! As ESU members, you not only have our dynamic local programs available for you to enjoy, the National ESU Online Happy Series continues to deliver entertaining gems each month! You can access videos of the previously recorded programs for all three seasons here:

<https://www.esuus.org/esu/activities/happy-hour/previous-events/>

Some the of the most recent lectures include topics such as "Queen Victoria and the Victorian Novel" by Professor Elliot Engel and "Antique Appraisals: What is it? What's it worth? Let's do some!" by Robin Sinclair. Take time to browse the various lectures available to you!

Finally, don't miss this merry program that is sure to prepare you for the holiday!

Happy Hour Season 3

Wednesday, December 8 from 4:00 PM (EDT)

Charles Dickens' London and The Spirit of Victorian Christmas

Dr. Annamaria Dall'Anese



According to the National ESU website, you should "bring a warm blanket and a hot drink as we discover how 'the magic lantern', as Dickens called London, shone even brighter at this time of the year, and how the Christmas traditions we know today were shaped by the great Victorian writer."

Register by
[Clicking Here](#)



The English Speaking Union
Central Florida Branch

Don't Miss
This
Fantastic
Evening!

Make
Your
Reservations!

Winter Dinner

Monday
January 24, 2022
The Winter Park
Racquet Club
2111 Via Tuscany
Winter Park

Cocktails 6:00pm
Dinner 6:45pm

Black Tie is optional attire for the gentlemen,
while the ladies may want to don their most
elegant gowns.

Program Leader: Barbara Hughes

The
Buzzcatz
Ricky Sylvia
and a
five piece band

**Reservations due by Monday,
January 17, 2022**

Make your check for \$48 per person

Payable to:

"The English Speaking Union"

Send to:

**Barbara Hughes,
246 Balfour Drive,
Winter Park, FL 32792**

Any questions please call

**Barbara Hughes at:
321-279-1133**



Reserve _____ places for me (us) for *Winter Dinner*
The Winter Park Racquet Club on Monday,
January 24, 2022

\$ _____ is enclosed (\$48 per person)

Names of those covered in this request (Please Print) _____
(person requesting)

Others: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

Group reservations accepted up
to six per table. Checks for the
entire group should be enclosed
with your reservation request to
guarantee seats together.

2022 ESU
Gala -
January 12

**ESU
USA**



2022 ESU GALA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
6:00 PM EST RECEPTION | 7:30 PM EST DINNER
THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
122 E 66TH ST. NEW YORK, NY 10065



**IN THE PRESENCE OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCESS ROYAL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GALA AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE
PLEASE GO TO WWW.ESUUS.ORG/2022-ESU-GALA/

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2022-esu-gala/](http://www.esuus.org/esu/activities/2022-esu-gala/)

Honoring the Past – **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Special Welcoming Address by the Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the United States
- The ESU Secondary School Exchange Program: Testimonial
- ESU Branches' Greetings
- Recognition of the 2020 Princess Royal Awardees
- Live concert performance by Dr. E. Quinn Peeper
- Unveiling of the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition Paul Beresford-Hill Trophy
- ESU National Shakespeare Competition – A Competitor Performs
- The ESU Luard Morse Scholarships – Testimonial
- The ESU Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center – A House of Immigrants

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE AND COCKTAIL DRESS

Program Schedule 2021-2022

**All programs are on Mondays at the University Club of Winter Park
unless otherwise indicated.**

Monday, December 6, 2021, 3:30-5:00 p.m. — Professor Socky O'Sullivan - "Strange Bedfellows"

Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00-9:00 p.m. — Dinner at the Racquet Club — 6-6:45 p.m. Cocktails, 6:45-8:00 p.m. Dinner, 8-9:00 p.m. Entertainment by The Buzzcatz

Monday, February 21, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m. — Shakespeare Competition at The Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Margeson Stage.

Annually the Central Florida ESU sponsors a Shakespeare Competition for Orange, Seminole, and Osceola county students in grades 9-12. Each winning student at his or her own school memorizes and presents a Shakespearian sonnet a plus a twenty-line monologue from one of the plays. The Central Florida winner is then given an all-expense paid trip to New York to compete in the National ESU Shakespeare Competition. The first place winner in New York is given a scholarship to study at the British American Drama Academy the following summer.

Monday, March 7, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m. — Carly Collier, Royal Collection Trust, London "Victoria and Albert as Art Collectors"

Monday, April 4, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m. — Jana Mathews, Rollins College - "Guy Fawkes Day"

Monday, May 9, 2022, 3:30-5:30 p.m. — Professor Elizabeth Cobbs, author - *The Hamilton Affair* - Our Annual General Meeting will precede our guest speaker, Professor Elizabeth Cobbs.



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impact lives.
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CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH
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- ☐ I wish to become a member of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.
☐ I wish to renew my membership of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.

Please send a check for \$45 (single membership) or \$60 (couple membership) to the **English-Speaking Union, 144 East 39th Street, New York., NY 10016.**

Name and Spouse's Name _____

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