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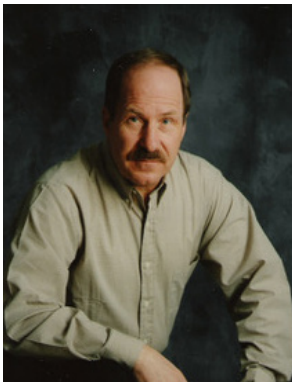

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A Message from the Sandhills Branch President

Since ESU Sandhills Branch was launched in the fall of 1979, I wonder how many of the founding members believed that we would still be going strong 40 years later. Yet, here we are, beginning our 41st season and continuing to welcome new members, expand our programs, and broaden our outreach efforts.

As we have grown and evolved, we have not strayed from our mission to Educate, Entertain, Inspire, and the 2019-2020 season will stay true to that mission. We will begin the season with a 40th Birthday Party in September and wrap it up with a magical flourish in May. You will note that this season includes nine monthly events as part of our goal to provide members with thoughtful and thought-provoking programs.

In addition to these monthly events, we invite all members to support our educational outreach programs including the Shakespeare Competition in February and the Middle School Debates in March. These annual events reach hundreds of local students and their teachers. As you know, these programs have a significant and long-lasting impact on our community. We will also continue to recognize an outstanding Student of the Month along with the teacher who most impacted his/her life.

Please join me in celebrating 40 years of ESU in the Sandhills by embracing our 41st season.

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Celebrating 40 Years
It's a Party and You're Invited!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
Garden Party

In celebration of ESU's 40 years in the Sandhills (1979 to 2019), you and your friends are invited to a Birthday Celebration. We'll party on Pinehurst Country Club's veranda and inside their Outlook Room with cake, ice cream and all the birthday fixings. And, of course, since we're all over 21, the bar will be open, too.

We'll kick off ESU Sandhills' 41st season by letting you know what's in store during the coming months. In addition to this Birthday Party, we'll have 8 more events that stay true to our mission to Educate, Entertain, Inspire. So we're hoping that you will join the celebration and invite friends and neighbors to learn more about the ESU and our upcoming season.

We've also invited Audrey Moriarty, Executive Director, Given Memorial Library & Tufts Archives, to join us and share her reflections on the changes and the evolution – over the past 40 years – of this place we all call home.

And an ESU celebration wouldn't be complete without the wise, witty, and always wonderful thoughts from our ESU Sandhills "poet laureate," Joyce Reehling. We've asked Joyce to put into words her thoughts on ESU Sandhills: past, present and future.

Please join the fun. It's a celebration you won't want to miss!

OCTOBER 16, 2019

LYNNE OLSON

Best-Selling Author

Madame Fourcade's Secret War

Photo Credit: Tamzin B. Smith

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

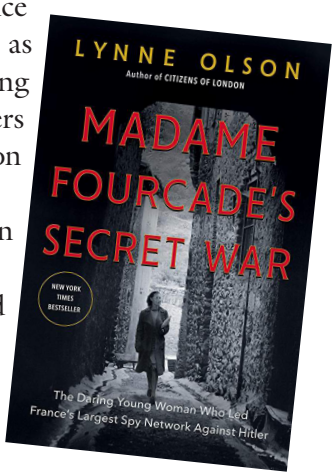
Lynne Olson is a New York Times best-selling author of eight books of history, most of which deal in some way with World War II and Britain's crucial role in that conflict. Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has called her "our era's foremost chronicler of World War II politics and diplomacy."

Born in Hawaii, Lynne graduated magna cum laude from the University of Arizona. Before becoming a full-time author, she worked as a journalist for ten years, first with the Associated Press and then with the Washington Bureau of the Baltimore Sun where she covered national politics and, eventually, the White House.

Lynne lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Stanley Cloud, with whom she co-authored two books.

ABOUT HER PRESENTATION:

Lynne will discuss her latest book, *Madame Fourcade's Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Largest Spy Network Against the Nazis*, which was published by Random House in March 2019. In this dramatic account of the war, Lynne tells the story of a thirty-one-year-old Frenchwoman, a young mother born to privilege and known for her beauty and glamour, who in 1941 became the leader of a vast intelligence organization - the only woman to serve as a chef de résistance during the war. No other French spy network lasted as long or supplied as much crucial intelligence - including providing American and British military commanders with a 55-foot-long map of the beaches and roads on which the Allies would land on D-Day.



Lynne will also join the ESU Churchill Discussion Group during her visit to Pinehurst.

The Country Bookshop will be selling signed copies of Ms. Olson's book at this event.

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

SCOTT MASON

WRAL's "The Tar Heel Traveler"

Stories and Back Stories of North Carolina

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Scott Mason is a broadcast journalist with 34 years of television experience. He has won dozens of awards for documentaries, writing and feature reporting, including three National Edward R. Murrow Awards and 20 regional Emmys. The Electronic News Association of the Carolinas has twice named Scott North Carolina Television Reporter of the Year.

Scott's success caught the attention of WRAL-TV, the NBC affiliate in Raleigh. In April, 1997, Scott became the station's Documentary Producer. He researched, wrote, and produced ten documentaries before adding his talents to the nightly news team as a reporter specializing in features.

Today, Scott is known as the Tar Heel Traveler. His Monday-Thursday series on WRAL takes viewers along the back roads of North Carolina where he meets memorable characters, finds out-of-the-way places, and unearths fascinating historical footnotes.

Scott has published four books about his television adventures: *Tar Heel Traveler: Journeys Across North Carolina* (2010), *Tar Heel Traveler Eats: Food Journeys Across North Carolina* (2014), *Faith and Air: The Miracle List* (2017), and just recently, *Tar Heel Traveler: New Journeys Across North Carolina*.

Scott lives in Raleigh with his wife Nina, daughters Lane and Genie, and son, Scout.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

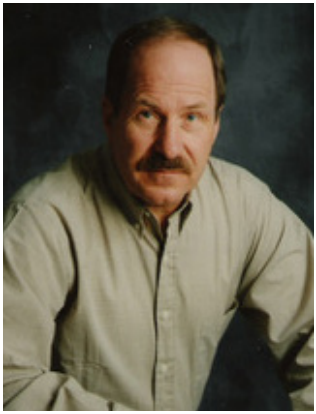
Scott says that every story comes with a backstory and that's what makes it truly fascinating. His presentation will describe interesting stories about North Carolina life and the stories behind the stories.

Scott will be signing and selling his four books during this event.

DECEMBER 18, 2019

DR. MARDY GROTHE

Award-Winning Author & Speaker



Wit and Wordplay in our Mother Tongue

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Mardy Grothe is a psychologist with a sense of humor who practiced in New England for more than thirty years before moving to North Carolina in 2005. After receiving a Ph.D. in psychology from Columbia University and practicing as a therapist and marriage counselor, he expanded his practice to the business arena and helped establish a sub-specialty in management consulting: helping business owners and executives resolve personal and interpersonal problems. A cover story in *Inc.* magazine called him a pioneer in the emerging field of "business therapy."

Dr. Grothe has given more than five hundred seminars on the topic of effective leadership to groups associated with Vistage, an international network of CEO's. He is also a popular speaker at the annual meetings of trade and professional associations.

Dr. Grothe is the creator of *Dr. Mardy's Dictionary of Metaphorical Quotations*, the world's largest online database of metaphorical quotations as well as six other books in the word and language arena including *Never Let a Fool Kiss You or a Kiss Fool You, Oxymoronica: Paradoxical Wit & Wisdom from History's Greatest Wordsmiths,* and *I Never Metaphor I Didn't Like.*

He and his wife, Katherine Robinson, currently live in Southern Pines.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

This evening's presentation will humorously reflect Dr. Grothe's longstanding interest in words, language, and quotations. While some people collect coins or stamps or butterflies, he is a passionate quotation collector with close to a quarter million quotations in his personal collection. Get ready to laugh as he takes you on a journey of quotes "that mean what they say and say what they mean."

JANUARY 15, 2020

STEPHEN R. de ANGELIS

Russian Historian

The Rise of Vladimir Putin and his Engagement of the Presidencies of Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Stephen R. de Angelis is a native New Yorker who now lives in West Palm Beach, FL, having resided in St. Petersburg, Russia for twenty-seven years. He left the business world after twenty-five years to return to school to earn a Ph.D. in Russian History at St. Petersburg State University. He has lectured in both the United States and Russia and has authored over thirty books, including his translation of the Diaries of Nicholas II. In addition, Dr. de Angelis is a member of the House of Scholars in St. Petersburg, a trustee of the Golitsyn Library, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Hermitage.

Of his time in Russia, he says that one of his most important objectives, other than acquiring a grammatical fluency in the Russian language, was gaining access to the many historical archives in St. Petersburg and Moscow. This took skill and connections. To his amazement, he found that the Russians never discarded anything. The document depots were rife with prime source documents which he was then able to translate. He also learned how to acquire good tickets for the ballet and opera.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

Dr. de Angelis will trace the rise of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin from street tough, to head of the KGB, to President in 2000 and discuss Putin's "20/20" plan to reinvigorate and reconstruct Russia into a new and vibrant nation-state by the year 2020. Striving to regain Russian preeminence in the world of global relations, Mr. Putin had to engage with three very different American presidents: Bush, Obama, and Trump. In doing so, his geopolitical strategy is sometimes rocked backward and forward by unforeseen events.

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

The Village Chapel • 3 P.M.

2019 Winner Jenna Burns (center front) pictured with other participants: Charlie Taylor, Olivia McCue, Liz Ferrelli, Jackson Holland, Ava Wellener, Back Row: Haley McLaurin, Kody Harrison, Emily Rose, and Carson Meyers

The Shakespeare Competition is comprised of over 12,000 high school students from across the United States. Each student is judged on their performance of a Shakespeare monologue and sonnet. Over 140 Moore County students compete for the opportunity to be one of fifteen aspiring Shakespearean actors to participate in our local finals. The winner of the ESU Sandhills audition will travel to New York City in April to compete with fifty-four other USA students in the 36th annual ESU – US Shakespeare Competition.

The local Shakespeare Competition is a culmination of extensive study and work by Moore County High School students and their teachers. This competition enhances their self-confidence, public speaking skills, and love of Shakespeare. We are proud of them all and honored to promote the local Shakespeare Competition as well as sponsor the finalist in New York.

If you have enjoyed the competition in the past, or are new to the event, we look forward to having ESU members and their guests attend in support of this worthwhile endeavor. You will be entertained and amazed at the quality of performances at the Shakespeare Competition.

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

KORY STAMPER

Lexicographer & Author

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A (Very) Brief History of the English Language

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

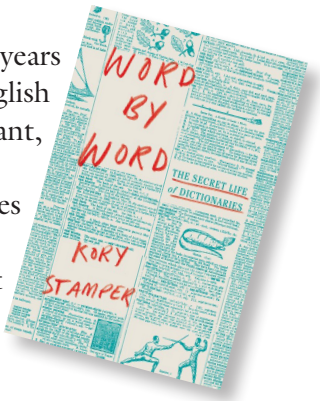
Kory Stamper is the author of *Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries*, which is based on her lifelong love of language and her almost 20 years as a lexicographer and editor at Merriam-Webster, where she also wrote, edited, and appeared in the "Ask the Editor" video series. Ms. Stamper blogs regularly on language and lexicography and her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Slate.com*, and *The Guardian* in the UK, where British commentators endlessly complain about every column she has written there!

As a speaker, Ms. Stamper's love of language is infectious and her insightful presentations navigate the complexities of words and language with ease and wit. She goes beyond merely defining words, revealing the hidden ways language shapes our understanding of the world, ourselves, and each other. She finds profundity, humor, and wonder in the ways we communicate every day.

Ms. Stamper grew up in Colorado. She attended Smith College, where she undertook an interdisciplinary major involving the study of Latin, Greek, Norse, Old English, and Middle English.

ABOUT HER PRESENTATION:

Have you ever wondered why "comb" and "tomb" don't rhyme or why it's "bring / brought / brought" but not "sing / sought / sought"? Why is English so full of redundancy, and why does it allow contradictions like "free gift"? Who's in charge here? This presentation is a hilarious romp through 1,500 years of linguistic history. Ms. Stamper will explain how English ended up this way and make us fall in love with this vibrant, wild language.



The Country Bookshop will be selling signed copies of Ms. Stamper's book at the event

For more information on this speaker, please visit www.prhspeakers.com.

2019 First Place Winners Claire Cameron and Ally Goner from West Pine Middle School

MARCH 10, 2020

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATES

SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Each year the Middle School Students and Debate Coaches look forward to the Annual Middle School Debate co-sponsored by the Sandhills Branch of the ESU and the Rotary Club of Pinehurst. This day-long event, held at the Sandhills Community College, has grown over the past twelve years to include all of Moore County's Middle Schools represented by more than 150 students.

In 2019, these middle schoolers argued the topic: "All Americans should be required to provide one year of national service". To make it more challenging, the debaters do not know what side of the argument they will be defending until a coin toss just before the start of each debate. This requires research, discipline, teamwork, critical thinking, public speaking skills and great self-confidence.

Mark your calendars for March 10th and come out to support these debaters. Members and guests are welcome to attend for the whole day or stay for about an hour for one debate. Either way, you will be amazed by the skills of these young people.

The fifty judges required to hold this event are from the ESU, the Rotary Club of Pinehurst and the Pinecrest High School Debate team. We always need additional judges. Should you be interested in volunteering, contact Sally Bold Frick at sallyhb19@aol.com or Fran Grandinetti at pajagii@yahoo.com for additional information. We can guarantee you will enjoy the day.

Elise Middle School debaters & coach, Laura Ann Davis

MARCH 11, 2020

DR. MATT FARINA

Civil War Historian

Civil War Medicine: Myth and Reality

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Matt Farina has been fascinated with the Civil War since childhood, and after a career as a pediatric cardiologist and medical clinical professor of pediatrics at Albany, NY's medical college, he is now retired and living in Southern Pines.

Dr. Farina has written approximately forty articles and abstracts on cardiology, has won teaching awards at the Medical College in Albany, and has served as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1971-1973 at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco.

He is a familiar voice in Moore County having participated in numerous programs related to his Civil War interests at Sandhills Community College along with the Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

Civil War era medicine of the 1860's has been described as "butchery, barbaric and brutal" by the *History Channel*, the *Civil War Journal*, and some physicians, but Dr. Farina believes that "we must look at medicine and soldiering in the context of the time in which it occurred." He will address the truths and myths about 19th-century medicine and the practical advances that occurred during the war under the leadership of Surgeon-General William Hammond, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac Jonathan Letterman, and medical personnel like Jacob DaCosta, Silas Weir Mitchell, Dorthea Dix and Mary Bickerdyke.

Dr. Farina will bring objects typically used during the Civil War when doctors and surgeons gathered under battlefield conditions to treat the wounded. This includes many amputations of damaged limbs under primitive conditions.

APRIL 9, 2020

WALTER SINNOTT-ARMSTRONG

Professor & Author

Think Again: How to Reason and Argue in a Polarized World

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Walter Sinnott-Armstrong is Chauncey Stillman Professor of Practical Ethics in the Department of Philosophy and the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

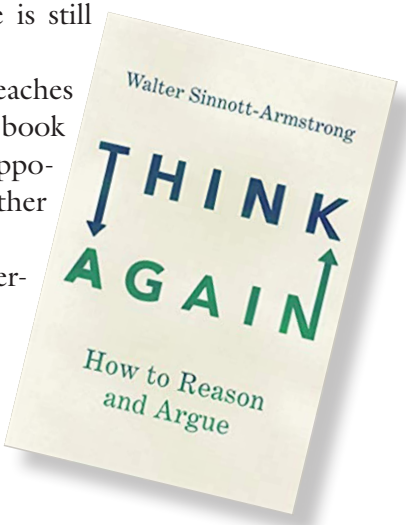
In a polarized world, a good argument can help create understanding, respect, and compromise.

Disagreements among people have existed as long as humans have, but the inability of opposing sides to compromise with one another seems epidemic today. *Think Again: How to Reason and Argue*, a book by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, reveals the benefits that sound, fair arguments grounded in mutual understanding can have.

Particularly on social media platforms such as *Twitter*, arguments seem to increasingly function as a means to both satisfy one's allies and jab one's opponents publicly. In contrast, "reasonable arguments" says Sinnott-Armstrong, "can create more mutual understanding and respect, and even if neither party is convinced by the other, compromise is still possible."

In *Think Again*, Sinnott-Armstrong also teaches how to argue and how not to argue. "This book is not about winning arguments or beating opponents. Instead it is about understanding each other and appreciating strong evidence."

Think Again is available from Oxford University Press.



MAY 6, 2020

SHAUN JAY

Magician

Why the World Needs Magic Now

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Shaun Jay is no stranger to the world of entertainment. He's been seen on ABC, NBC, and FOX. Back in 2012, Shaun shared the TEDx Stage at the Lincoln Theater in Raleigh with other thought leaders like Red Hat CEO, Jim Whitehurst, and Phil Freelon of the Freelon Group.

Shaun found his passion, the performance art of magic, at the age of twelve. By the time he was twenty-two, he had developed severe bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome rendering his hands useless for eight months. With nearly a year of natural therapy and a passion to overcome anything, he regained full use of his hands and a new outlook on life.

Shaun has studied under some of the biggest names in magic, and when not speaking at events, is a trusted creative consultant for one of the world's premiere and most respected magic brands, Paul Harris Presents. He is part of an exclusive team that helps create some of the most cutting edge illusions that are then sold to magicians across the globe.

He combines a passion for sleight-of-hand with his personal and inspirational story to produce entertaining and educational presentations enjoyed by audiences across the United States.

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION:

This is NOT a boring lecture. It is a unique, magical, and interactive presentation by a young entrepreneur who is living his dream and has been pursuing his passion since the age of twelve. Shaun's successful talk, "Why The World Needs Magic Now" will open your eyes with a fresh perspective on the importance and history of experiencing the impossible. In this interactive presentation, you will learn about the history of mystery and how the art of magic plays a larger part than most people think in today's world.

Shaun will also perform roving magic during this event.

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Student of the Month: In selected months, the Moore County High Schools choose a senior to be recognized for achievement. ESU hosts the student, teacher and parents at our dinner program. If you would like sponsorship information, contact Julie Martin at 910-295-6014.

Churchill and Roosevelt Discussion Groups: Members who are interested in learning more about Winston Churchill and Theodore Roosevelt meet for informal dinners, drinks, and great discussion. For more information, please contact John Sapp at johnsapp90@yahoo.com.

To Make Reservations for ESU Sandhills Monthly Events

1. Contact Joy Fifer at Pinehurst Country Club by email at: joyfifer@pinehurst.com or by phone at 910-235-8115
   a. Provide the following information
      - Number of persons in your party
      - Names of persons in your party
      - Method of payment
      - Any special requests (dietary, seating, other)

   b. If booking for multiple guests, have one person call or email with all the names for your party
   c. State if you desire to be seated with other members and give their names
   d. Request a confirmation of your reservation
   e. Note: Reservations for each event must be made no later than 3 full business days prior to the event
2. Dress is Black Tie Optional
3. Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if requested no later than 3 full business days prior to the event
4. PCC Members will be billed through their membership accounts Others must pay with a major credit card
5. CANCELLATION: Contact Joy Fifer at Pinehurst Country Club by email at joyfifer@pinehurst.com or by phone at 910-235-8115 no later than 3 full business days prior to the event. Cancellations made less than 3 full business days prior to the event will be charged.

For updates on all ESU Sandhills Events, please visit our web site at www.esuus.org/sandhills or email sandhills@esu.org

ESU Sandhills Branch
Application for New Members
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

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Please select your Sandhills Branch membership category

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Educator[1]	❑ Single $45	❑ Couple $90
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Young Professional[3]	❑ Single $45	❑ Couple $90

1. Educator: Full-time active teacher or school administrator in an accredited school
2. Military: Active Duty only
3. Young Professional: Under age 37

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Sandhills Branch General Fund: $_____

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