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### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear Fellow ESU Members,

What an extraordinary time to be a member of the English-Speaking Union!

We have the joy of celebrating anniversaries in 2015 and 2016. In June 2015 we celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta, the document which resulted from the nobles and clergy meeting at Runnymede to wrest from King John the list of rights which began democratic systems. Our own Grace Sanders, a lineal descendent of three of the Barons and a member of the National Society of the Magna Carta Dames, brought and shared her official document.

We Americans celebrate a holiday to acknowledge the debt we owe to those nobles and clergy. Five Centuries later, our own rule of law followed, fitfully and sporadically, as we set out to establish a constitutional government, which we celebrate each year on July 4.

Upcoming in 2016, the anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare will present us with more chances to learn, enjoy, and celebrate that great poet and playwright. Jeff Watkins will speak to us September 22 and jump start the celebration of the legacy and works of Shakespeare by speaking about how to enjoy him more. Later in 2016, we will have the chance to view and learn about the First Folio from the Folger Library. This will be a very rare privilege. The Folger Library is allowing an ESU tour of the rare writing to be shown all over the U. S. Atlanta is on the schedule for the fall of 2016 at the Carlos Museum. May I suggest that to enhance your enjoyment of hosting the First Folio in Atlanta, you may want to read Andrea Mays' new book, *The Millionaire and The Bard*, the story of Henry Folger's obsessive hunt for Shakespeare's First Folio. It tells the story of locating and printing his works 8 years after his death, and then years later, the collection of the works by the wealthy American.

October 23, we will host the Sir Evelyn Wrench speaker, Simon Claxton, whose topic is William Faulkner. Invitations later. The National Annual General Meeting is meeting in New York City October 10-12. Contact me if you plan to go and you want to be one of the 5 delegates. Details are on the website, [esuus.org](http://esuus.org)

You should have received your letter requesting dues payment by now and thanks to those of you who have paid dues already. We want to keep all of you on the list, so be prompt if you have not done so. We have a great year coming up and you will not want to miss a thing. This is also a good time to become a patron, nationally or locally. Local patrons can contribute directly to our treasurer. We can afford to be generous with scholarships and grants when we receive patron gifts. Thank you, Patrons. Remember your gifts to ESU are tax deductible.

Time to get started on a fabulous new year.

Thanks for all you do,  
Jean Morris, President, Atlanta Branch



**THE ESSAY WINNER IS RIGHT HERE IN OUR BACKYARD!**

Without any effort on the part of the Atlanta Branch, we have a winner of the US *My Magna Carta* Creative Essay Competition-Senior Division. **Isabelle McMullen** from the Lovett School is the winner, and her essay is the national entry in the international competition sponsored by the English-Speaking Union in London. She will be going to London in October to present her essay, where a panel of internationally recognized writers and historians will select a representative from each continent and one from the UK in the Finals of the *My Magna Carta* Competition. She could be the International winner. We wish Isabelle the best of luck as the ESU United States representative.

Her parents were members of the Washington, D. C. Branch.



**ESU Gives Generously to the Shakespeare Tavern**

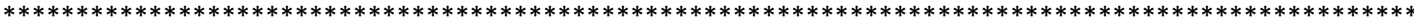
Nicky Nicholson, chairman of the Grant/Scholarship Committee, along with committee member John Selvage and our President Jean Morris shared a lunch with Laura Coles, currently in charge of educational programs at the Shakespeare Tavern, along with this summer’s Interns (see picture left).



(Pictured L to R: Katherine Carey, Abbe Fralix and Lydia Flock are this year’s Interns)

Ms. Coles was the beneficiary of the BUSS scholarship program a few years ago when she studied at the Globe Theatre for three weeks. She spoke at a meeting hosted by Joe and Betsi McLure upon her return from England.

The Atlanta Branch has provided funds to the Shakespeare Tavern in the past, and once again our Branch has made a generous contribution in the amount of \$1,500 for the three girls who are college students studying theatre and music while working at the Shakespeare Tavern this summer.



**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

**THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN**

The ESU has a connection with the Order of St. John in that both organizations have close ties with Great Britain and both have a mission to be of service. There are four (4) members of our Branch who are members

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of the Order of St. John, officially The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The honor of membership is bestowed by its sovereign head HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Order of St. John is a chivalric order and yet the mission is one of Christian service. Over the years American members have raised millions of dollars for the St. John Eye Hospital Group, which is located in Jerusalem. This Group provides ophthalmic care to hundreds of thousands in the Holy Land without regard to race, creed or ability to pay. The Priory of the U.S. is one of 11 international priories.

The Order's motto - Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum (For the Faith, For Service to Humanity) - expresses the heart and mission of the Order of St. John. More information about the Order can be found on our website: [www.saintjohn.org](http://www.saintjohn.org).

The four members of our Atlanta Branch who have been honored with this order are Dr. Manning Pattillo, John Trout, Ed Forsberg and Charles Maddrey .

*(Article submitted by Charles Maddrey).*

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## HONORING OUR PATRONS

Sunday, July 12, 2015 President Jean Morris provided the venue for a reception honoring Patrons of the Atlanta Branch. The Atrium of One Vinings Mountain with its spectacular view of the Atlanta skyline was the glamorous setting for attendees to enjoy refreshments, conversation, music by harpist John Alan Wickey and a thank you from our Branch president. Joining President Jean Morris and Patron Committee Chair Linda Wickham were Lyn Hovanesian and Bill Klopstock serving as gracious hosts and cheerfully greeting everyone. The event was well attended by both local and national patrons.



*Branch President Jean Morris and Patron Committee Chair Linda Wickham*



A mid-winter gathering for current patrons as well as patrons of long standing will be announced after the first of the year.

Traditionally, one designates the level of branch and/or national patronage commitment when paying annual dues. Of course, you are encouraged to join the Patron Program anytime during the year. As a reminder, for this year the annual dues remain unchanged. To contribute directly to the Atlanta Branch is a Patron category, and with a national patron membership, up to half of your contribution can be designated to support the Branch. All membership dues and participation in the national program are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Being a National Patron, you play a key role in providing support in cultural and educational programs enriching lives of ESU members, students at all levels nationwide as well as the international community of those who teach, learn, and speak. Depending on your level of financial support, you too will enjoy special membership perks both stateside and in the U.K.

**COME AND JOIN IN!!!!**

Linda Wickham, Patron Committee Chair, 2015-16

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**2015 ESU ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NEW YORK CITY – OCTOBER 10 – 12, 2015**



Join fellow ESU Members in metropolitan New York City for a Columbus Day weekend filled with camaraderie and activities that highlight George Washington’s time in the city. The Conference will comprise ESU Regional Meetings, the ESU Annual General Meeting with substantive presentations on the ESU’s national educational programs, the activities of the Branches and models for a vibrant and energetic ESU in the future.

If you are thinking of going, **hurry** – hotel reservations must be in by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Go to the website [www.esuus.org](http://www.esuus.org) to register for the conference. Let our president, Jean Morris, know if you are planning to attend.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

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| September 22 | Jeff Watkins from the Shakespeare Tavern, Cathedral of St. Philip, 7 pm   |
| October 23   | Evelyn Wrench speaker, Simon Claxton speaking on William Faulkner         |
| November 14  | Joint meeting with Jane Austin Society – collection of rare books exhibit |
| December 19  | Christmas Party at the home of James and Elizabeth Munson                 |

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***IN MEMORIUM***

***Dr. Brien Key (former member)***