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**Welcome to new Members**

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***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

Our new fiscal year is off to a great start. Our first Board meeting was held on July 20 with the newly constituted Board. Committee chairs have been selected, and a budget for the coming year has been approved. The chairs are hard at work getting organized for an exciting year.

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a request for payment of your annual dues. The mailings will come from the national headquarters and provide payment options including use of a credit card. I urge you to remit your dues as soon as you can as the Branch and the national organization depend on these funds to operate effectively.

This year's dues request will provide you with the opportunity to support the newly instituted Dr. Manning Pattillo Grant Fund in honor of our retired Chairman, now Chairman Emeritus. Please give this opportunity your consideration. New members are the key to the sustainability of our Branch and for any organization for that matter. Holly Berney is the chair of the membership committee; please forward to her any suggestions for new members for our Branch. She can be reached at 678.296.3049 and [holly719@earthlink.net](mailto:holly719@earthlink.net).

I look forward to seeing each at our upcoming meetings and events.

Kind regards,

Charles Maddrey, President of the Atlanta Branch

**“WINSTON CHURCHILL AND HIS JOY RIDE IN A PAINT BOX”**

On Tuesday evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Atlanta Churchill Society joined the Atlanta Branch of the ESU for a wonderful meeting at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Kurt Travis, chairman of the meeting, arranged with Soiree a sumptuous array of heavy hors d'oeuvres and a selection of nice wines. Ubiquitous Holly Berney was there to assist. The Gould Room was packed.

President Maddrey called us to order and introduced Travis, who in turn called on Churchill Society President Bill Wilson to introduce our speaker, Duncan Sandys, the great grandson of Winston Churchill. The young and attractive Sandys, who is married to a Georgia girl, spends part of his time in Atlanta.

His entire power point lecture was about the paintings his great grandfather Winston did over his entire life time. His talk was informative, humorous and surprising. Many of us were in awe of the artistic work of Winston Churchill and were pleasantly surprised.

Gail Glattli expressed it best when she told us,

“If the idea of a man like Winston Churchill being an artist sounded incomprehensible to you, tonight’s presentation was an eye-opener. Who knew he had such talent. Sure he was a great leader of the English people during a tumultuous time in history, but a painter! Seems out of character...

He started painting during the 1920’s and ‘30’s, and painting was to become a much needed outlet for him, especially when he was embroiled in the political life of Great Britain. I was surprised to find out he painted over 500 pictures during his life, and his body of work is still on display. His paint box was never far from his side along with the proverbial cigars and bottles of scotch. He painted a variety of subjects in many far flung places around the world, everything from landscapes at his beloved Chartwell home, the sun setting on the Atlas Mountains in Marrakesh, and the Cap Ferrat coastline. He was even an inspiration and encouragement to Dwight Eisenhower when he wanted to take up painting.

The name Winston Churchill may conjure up a memory of his leadership role as England’s Prime Minister during the Second World War, but after this evening’s presentation, I think we can appreciate his reputation in the world of art as well.”

After the erudite program, the conversations and questions continued along with additional servings of the food and wine. It was quite a night!

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## JANE AUSTEN 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration of *Pride and Prejudice*

What a delightful Mothers’ Day that so many of us enjoyed at the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church hearing Dr. Angie O’Neal speak about Jane Austen, after which young Laura Street play the piano and the harpsichord! Hosted and arranged by Grace Sanders, we were charmed by the lecture delivered by Dr. O’Neal, assistant professor of English at Shorter University in Rome, GA. She specializes in 18th and 19th century British Literature and teaches writing and all facets of British literature, with a favorite area in the Romantic period. She explained to us that Jane Austen had a universal appeal. Her novels were timeless and that no matter the troubles of life, there was a common thread with real people. Elizabeth possessed the feminine charm of a lovely young woman, and her story was not a romance but the story of a relationship. Her perspective was rational and good. Writing in a period of history that was revolutionary which she ignored, she was more influenced by the attitude of nature as the Romantic period was a time that nature dictated beauty and art. She used a series of painting to make that point. Gainsborough, Benard, Runciman, Friedrich, Turner and Wright were artists whose painting demonstrated her point. It was a clever connection. Her scholarly lecture amazed us. She was a master of her material.

After Dr. O’Neal’s lecture, young Laura Street, a ninth grade honor student from Westminster, played two pieces on the piano and two on the harpsichord. Laura won the 2012-2013 Atlanta Steinway Society Young Prodigy Award. An accomplished flute player, she was also selected as the Conference Recitalist in the GMTA statewide Competition.

Her piano pieces were “Dawn” (the theme song composed for the *Pride and Prejudice* movie) by Dario Marianelli, and Sonata in E Flat HOB XLV by Haydn. On the harpsichord she played Bach’s Saraband (in C minor) from *The Well Tempered Clavier* and Fantasia in C minor. We were in awe of such talent in one so young. Professional musician, Madonna Brownlee, commented, “Laura Street played selections on the harpsichord and on the piano with artistry and grace. Although only 15 years of age, Laura is already a virtuoso at the keyboard. Her flawless dexterity, fluency in runs and strong musicianship was evident especially in the Haydn Sonata, where she also exhibited mature control of her art.”



The reception in the Whiting Garden was the perfect ending for a gathering on a glorious day of perfect weather in the south. Elizabeth Munson arranged for the lovely cakes, lemonade and tea. Thanks to Elizabeth and Grace, we enjoyed a lovely Mothers’ Day.



Dr. Pattillo and Dr. O'Neal enjoy the reception in the Whiting Gardens at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church on Mothers' Day, May 12. Grace Sanders arranged a wonderful program and Elizabeth Munson spread the dessert table with delicious cakes. Pictures indicate what a pleasant day it was.



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### ESU GARDEN PARTY

The Pimm's Cup was flowing, the weather was lovely and the ladies' hats in every color and style were prominently displayed. Who could ask for more?

The Garden Party is usually the final event of the season. Even though the new officers have already been elected and the new Board members in place, there was some other "business" to attend to. **Annabelle Malins**, the current British Consul General, kindly opened her home again and hosted the event. She announced that they will be moving on to another posting in the next couple of months. We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the Malineses over the last four years, and we wanted to commemorate this time with a special memento. Our ESU Board Chairman **Fay Selvage**, presented her and her husband James with a hand-blown glass figurine of a Dogwood blossom made by Atlanta artist, Hans Froebel, as a reminder of their time here in Atlanta.

As **Manning Pattillo** is stepping down from being the Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Branch of the English-Speaking Union, the Board wanted to honor his dedicated service to the organization over the past 15 years. Charles Maddrey presented Dr. Pattillo with a Proclamation outlining the various organizations he has been involved with in the Atlanta community and the positions he has held in the ESU over the years, not to mention his tenure as President of Oglethorpe University and his authoring of several books. In addition, the Atlanta Branch has established a new scholarship fund to be named in his honor. If any of you wish to contribute to the Dr. Manning Pattillo Grant Fund, please send a check to our Treasurer, David Robichaud. Note on the memo line that the check is for this Grant Fund.

Many thanks to **Fay Selvage** for chairing the enjoyable event, to Jere Dilts for providing the catering and, again, to Annabelle Malins for providing the delicious Pimm's Cup. (Submitted by Gail Glattli)

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**GLORIA AND ED NORRIS HAVE BEEN TRAVELING AND ATTENDING ESU MEETINGS WITH OTHER BRANCHES. GLORIA KEPT A DIARY OF HER ADVENTURES TO SHARE WITH US.**

*ESU CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DINNER MAY 29, PARIS...*

A new international arm of the ESU had its first meeting at an exquisite seated dinner at the famed Jockey Club in Paris May 29th, 2013. Our former Director of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, Valerie Mitchell, came from Dartmouth House in Mayfair, London as did our new chairperson, Dame Mary Richardson. Valerie Mitchell's Co-Chair of the ESU Cultural Affairs Committee and National ESU France President, Mme. Beatrix Montgermont-Kiel organized the beautiful dinner that also brought a special guest, the great-grandson of Sir Evelyn Wrench, our ESU founder. We were eighty guests, which included friends who had come over from England for the evening, plus we three from America, my husband, Ed Norris, and our friend from Athens, GA, Judith Ellis, who joined us for the evening and a trip through Normandy. Only members of the French nobility may be members of the Jockey Club, and we were fortunate that a count who is a cousin of Mme. Kiel's allowed our merry group to dine there in its elegance. After a gracious welcome by Mme. Kiel in her after-dinner words, Valerie Mitchell spoke on the international bonds of ESU friendship and shared cultural interests and Dame Mary spoke of her enthusiasm for the young people taking part internationally in the wonderful ESU programs offered. A happy note of the evening was the announcement that the Princess Royal, HRH The Princess Anne, would be our new International Honorary Chairman, following in the footsteps of her father, HRH Prince Philip, Chairman Emeritus.

...written by Gloria Norris

*ESU GARDEN PARTY, the Residence of THE AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE UNITED STATES, June 12, 2013*

The 5-acre historical estate, the last country estate in Washington, D.C., and a wooded paradise in the Woodley Park section, was the setting for the elegant annual Garden Party of the Washington ESU Chapter. The evening's Reception and Garden Party was a rare and gracious invitation from Her Excellency Nirupama Rao, the Ambassador of India. The residence is entitled, "The Homestead", and also overlooks Rock Creek Park. Built in 1914 it is on the National Register of historic places, Parts of the rooms and flooring were imported from Europe. After a reception in the exquisite long ballroom of the residence, we were treated to a beautiful buffet dinner with specialties of Indian cuisine. After dinner, we gathered again in the ballroom where Ambassador Rao charmed us with a welcoming speech and the fun of hearing the 'play on words' that Indian translations have with the English language (ex...'A headache is 'a singing in the head!'...the Indian English now at last uses 'cookies' instead of calling them 'little cakes'... 'a summation of all this 'play' is what Salamon Rushdie named English Chutneyism"!)

The lovely evening's party included our own National Chairman, The Honorable Patricia Schroeder and her husband, and Joy Harris, a longtime member from Kentucky as well as being a longtime Regional ESU Chairman. Other guests were from North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi. The delightful Mr. Graham Downs, serves as President of the ESU Washington, D.C. chapter, and he and the entire chapter members made us all of us who were guests, including my husband, Ed, and me, feel welcome and a part of a great brotherhood and sisterhood of the English-Speaking Union.

...written by Gloria Norris

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Some ESU members are recovering from surgeries, Jean Morris and Jutta Putter. Our long time member, friend and Board Member, Toni Larson, departed this life in May at the age of 93. Former member Colleen Millichap died July 7.

**SAVE THE DATE: Evelyn Wrench International Speaker, Oliver Everett, October 18**

**WANTED:** Do you like to take photographs? Are you always whipping out your cell phone and clicking away to make sure you don't miss anything? Good! You're just the person who might be interested in being the official Atlanta Branch photographer to take pictures at events that will appear on our web page and in the newsletters. Please let Charles Maddrey know if you are interested in volunteering.



**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013**

Dear Fellow Members of the Atlanta Branch:

I am pleased to offer this annual Branch report for the past fiscal year. The highlights were presented at our Annual General Meeting on April 14.

First of all, I am pleased to report that our Branch is in good fiscal condition. Net income for the year was \$4,000, some \$3,000 above our budget. The increase came from above budgeted Patron support, Member contributions, and a positive year for our investments, both in terms of stock growth as well as dividends. Our portfolio growth was outstanding this year. Our Branch membership grew from 148 to 157 members as of June 30 of this year. Successful joint meetings with the Churchill Society and the Jane Austen Society gave us opportunities to recruit like-minded members.

The Program Committee provided 8 excellent opportunities for our members in addition to the Christmas Party and the annual Garden Party at the Consul General's home. We were treated to an interesting program about the Duchess of Windsor; our Evelyn Wrench Speaker, Roger Pringle, spoke about Americans and Stratford; we heard about the War of 1812 from a Canadian's point of view; Prof. Patrick Allitt gave a wonderful talk about the English perspective of the American Civil War; we heard a lecture on the English architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens; we had a look at the painting of Sir Winston Churchill presented by his great grandson; and we heard a talk by Prof. O'Neal of Shorter College on Jane Austen.

Our annual Shakespeare Competition was led by Pam Sellman and her committee. Our Branch winner, Abigail Van Horn, was a semi-finalist at the national completion in NYC.

Our Communications Committee kept our members up to date with 4 newsletters and mailings announcing our meetings. E-Mail announcements also were sent to members on a regular basis.

Because of our good financial results, our Grants Committee recommended and the Board agreed to grants to 2 college summer interns at Georgia Shakespeare and a grant to the New Shakespeare Theatre for summer student classes. We also made grants to 2 college students and one college professor for overseas studies.

Louise Valine chaired the Walter Hines Page scholar committee. This year's scholar was Dr. Jane Laverick of Edinburgh who visited 4 of our local high schools and colleges and spoke to us at our April meeting.

At our Annual General Meeting in May, five (5) new members were voted to our Board. Dr. Manning Pattillo stepped down as our Chairman, a post that he held for 14 years. In appreciation for his commitment to the Atlanta Branch of the ESU, he was elected by the Board as Chairman Emeritus and a Grant fund was started and named for him.

It was heartening to see an increasing number of our members participate in our various committees and activities. That helps ensure a growing and healthy organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Maddrey, President  
Atlanta Branch of the English-Speaking Union

**The Seattle Branch invites all ESU Members to**  
**The English-Speaking Union of the United States 2013 Conference**

**At the**  
**Washington Athletic Club in Seattle, September 26 to 29, 2013**

**Speakers** include: The Very Reverend Dr. John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey, Brien Wygle, Past Vice President of Boeing, Michael Schein, Seattle writer, poet, playwright, teacher and lawyer.

**Events** include: Dinnr at the Museum of Flight, Boat Cruise and Salmon Bake, Kilt or Black-tie Cocktail-supper Reception for Patrons and other optional tours.

**LANGUAGE TAKES FLIGHT!**

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One of the speakers of this event will be **The Very Reverend Dr. John Hall**, Dean of Westminster Abbey, who will relate how the Abbey has been in the center of Britain's history for over a thousand years, having served as the site of 16 royal weddings, the final resting place of 17 monarchs and the coronation church for every crowned monarch since 1066. This June, the Abbey was the site of the commemoration of Her Majesty's coronation in Westminster Abbey in 1953. Dr. Hall will tell the details of the Abbey's celebrations of her reign and the creation of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries in the Triforium level of the Abbey.

When we sent this information to our membership, we were amazed at the numbers of our members who responded with stories about when they were present at the Queen's coronation in 1953. **Nigel and Clare Richardson** were on the Mall. **Pam Sellman** remembers standing at the edge of the road with classmates and with flag in hand. **Margo DeVoto** viewed the event from the front of St. Paul's. **Martin Wilson** didn't see it, he heard it on the radio, but 25 years later had an important position on the Strand for that anniversary.

**The Grants Committee**, consisting of ESU members Nicky Nicholson, Chair, Martin Wilson and John Selvage, issued grants to the following worthy students and teachers during this past year:

1. Travel Study Grants

- A. Dr. Mary Raschko - Mercer University - \$600.00 for Research in England on John Wyclif and understanding the History of the English Bible.
- B. Ashley Cobb - Mercer University - \$1,500.00 travel to Fiji to broaden her knowledge of healthcare, pharmacy practice, health evolution and medicine in Suva, Fiji.
- C. Precious Patterson - Mercer University - \$1,100.00 Travel to the United Kingdom to study their differing governmental structures and policies.

2. Shakespeare Tavern

- A. \$1,400.00 for the 2 college student summer interns instead of high school students. This recommendation is from the Tavern itself.

3. Georgia Shakespeare at Oglethorpe

- A. Support of two Summer Interns at \$1,500.00 each, totaling \$3,000.00.

**Total Amount of \$7,600.00.**