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The English-Speaking Union Central Florida Branch

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The Royals and Their Presidents

presented by

Dr. Alvin Felzenberg

Monday
November 7
2022

Refreshments
3:30 PM

Lecture
4:00 PM

The University Club of
Winter Park
841 N Park Ave
Winter Park

Program Leader:
Ovid Vitas

While the American Revolution marked the beginning of the United States as an independent nation, it did not end the American people's fascination with the British monarchy. For nearly 250 years, Americans have sought out substitutes, from entertainment figures to political families that have held public office for generations. Successful British governments have made strategic use of their royals to cement alliances and further British interests in an ever-changing world.



Presidential historian Alvin S. Felzenberg takes us on a tour of how this process has worked over the centuries, with a pause to consider Queen Elizabeth II's contributions to it.

Dr. Felzenberg holds a PhD. in Politics from Princeton University. He has lectured on communications and politics at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication.

Executive Vice President's Message



The Central Florida Branch is proud to announce that Vice President Ginger Bryant is the recipient of the **Creativity in Programming Award** from the English-Speaking Union of the United States. Ginger was chosen by a national committee to receive this Membership Recognition Award in its inaugural year. E-SUUS asked branches to nominate a member who represents creative excellence in the development and/or administration of an E-SU program. After frequent meetings and a thorough process, the selection committee chose Ginger for her leadership and organizational talents in taking our Regional National Shakespeare Competition to a level recognized as a model of excellence.



Socky O'Sullivan, Ginger Bryant, and Jan McClure

We are also bursting with pride to announce that Donna Miller is the recipient of the **National ESU Lifetime Achievement Award**. During almost forty years as a member of the Central Florida ESU, most spent as the chair (and fierce guardian) of the committee deciding how our funds from the Drey Endowment should be used, Donna Miller has overseen the distribution of over three million dollars to programs for teachers and students throughout Central Florida. She has also been a patron of the National ESU and served as a member of its Finance Committee. During these decades, few individuals have done as much for education and our community.



Jan McClure and Donna Miller

Jan McClure,

Executive Vice President
and VP Endowment

Congratulations, Ladies!

Fall Dinner Program

October 18

Winter Park Racquet Club



Left to Right: Socky O'Sullivan, Kenneth Holman, Andrea C. Borowczak, Devin Johnson, and Jan McClure

Our 2022 Drey Scholarship Award recipients joined us as our Guests of Honor for the dinner program on October 18 at the Winter Park Racquet Club! This is the first year that Kenneth Holman received our UCF scholarship, and Devin Johnson is holding this honor for the second year in a row! They were both accompanied by Andrea Borowczak, Ed.D., Professor and Director, UCF School of Teacher Education.



Barbara Hughes proudly flashed her pearly whites as she thanked jazz singer, bandleader, and actor, Michael Andrew for his delightful performance. Everyone in attendance could not resist the urge to toe-tap and sing along!

2022 Gala Highlights

The English-Speaking Union of the United States had the distinct honor of hosting Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at the organization's headquarters in New York City, followed by a beautiful gala at the Cosmopolitan Club on Monday, October 3rd, 2022. Princess Anne is President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and her visit to the English-Speaking Union of the United States marks the organization's centennial and celebrates the two sister organizations' century of commitment to strengthening bonds between nations and cultures through the power of the English language.

Her Royal Highness' visit commenced at the ESU's headquarters in Manhattan, where she was greeted by staff and constituents brought together from across the globe. Princess Anne toured the ESU's building, lovingly referred to as the ESU House, and met with beneficiaries of its numerous public programs.

The evening's gala program at the Cosmopolitan Club celebrated voices from across the organization who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the cause. Impressed by the numerous people who dedicate their time to the organization, Princess Anne noted in her address that "all of these things are done by people who have just taken a little extra time and interest to make somebody else's life work better." Indeed, the Princess Royal's visit to the English-Speaking Union of the United States was a marked celebration of the organization's century worth of commitment to fostering global understanding and goodwill.



Princess Anne and Dr. E. Quinn Peeper



*Representing our Central Florida Branch at the
2022 E-SU Gala (pictured left to right):*

*Donna Miller, Frank Paul Barber,
Barbara Hughes, and Jackie Abrams*

Program Schedule 2022-2023

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

Monday, November 7, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Professor Richard Aldous, Bard College - "The Iron Lady and the Gipper"
How the iconic friendship between Thatcher and Regan ended the cold war.

Monday, December 5, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

A special three-part presentation on the Evolution of Christmas
Part I: Why Christmas Is Celebrated on the Winter Solstice, Patrick Powers.
Part 2: Customs of a Victorian Christmas 2
Thanks to Prince Albert and Charles Dickens, Ann Hellmuth.
Part 3: Commercialization of Christmas by Department Stores, Michele Levy.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Dinner at Winter Park Racquet Club and entertainment by Gloria Cook, Concert Pianist
Host: Socky O'Sullivan

Monday, February 20, 2023, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Shakespeare Competition at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Margeson Stage
Annually the Central Florida E-SU sponsors a Shakespeare Competition for Orange, Seminole, and Osceola County students in grades 9-12. Each student, who is a winner at his or her own school, memorizes and presents a Shakespearean sonnet and also a monologue from a collection of edited pieces provided by National. The Central Florida winner is then given an all-expenses paid trip to New York to compete in the National E-SU Shakespeare Competition. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. at Orlando Shakes with refreshments served at 5:00.

Monday, March 6, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Barbara Perry, UVA - "The Kennedys in England"
Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch.

Monday, April 3, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Julia Taddeo - University of Maryland - "From Mad George to Megabit"
British Royal Scandals, Media, and History.

Monday, May 1, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Ed Larson - George Washington's Second Revolution.
Our Annual General Meeting will precede our guest speaker, Ed Larson



Our Newest Members

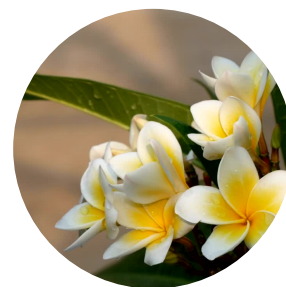
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- ☐ I wish to become a member of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.
☐ I wish to renew my membership of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.

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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