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**THE ENGLISH
SPEAKING UNION
CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER
12**

**Refreshments
3:30 pm**

**Lecture
4:00 pm**

**At the University Club
of Winter Park**

**Program Leader
Ovid Vitas**



Professor Wayne Bowen

Churchill and Spain

Professor Wayne Bowen will examine Winston Churchill's perspective on Spain. This country figured prominently in important events during the leader's life and political experiences, especially as the complexities of war and diplomacy challenged this view. As the wartime Prime Minister of the U.K., Winston Churchill cautioned the United States about relations with Spain under General Francisco Franco's government.

Wayne Bowen Ph.D. is a professor at the Department of History at the University of Central Florida and the Associate Dean at the UCF College of Undergraduate Studies.



Mark Your Calendars!

We have some exciting programs scheduled for the 2022-2023 program year. See page 6 for a full list of programs.



President's Message

We are all very excited about this year's ESU. Barbara Hughes and the board have done a remarkable job over the past few years of making our chapter the most active and dynamic ESU chapter in the country.

Now we are looking forward to even greater success.

We have two remarkable dinners scheduled. The iconic Swingerhead founder Michael Andrew, who headlined at the Rainbow Room and whom Merv Griffin called "one of the greatest singers of all time," will be entertaining us at the Winter Park Racquet Club on October 18. In January Professor Gloria Cook of Rollins, an acclaimed concert pianist, will be performing a selection from English composers.

Our Program Committee has promised us some of the most exciting speakers we have had in years, and most of the programs for teachers and students we sponsor through our Drey Endowment will finally be back. We should all be especially grateful to Jessie Drey, whose generous endowment has allowed us to invest over two million dollars in Central Florida's teachers and students since the beginning of this millennium.

All of us on the board thank you for your support and pledge to make our future even better than our past.

Sláinte,

Maurice (Socky) O'Sullivan
President

Tlab Travels

Over the summer, we kept a close eye on the amazing adventures our TLab Scholars were having abroad.

One of our favorite scholars to Facebook spy on was Kristopher Kahn whose thorough posts about his Edinburgh Fringe experience filled us with envy. He is pictured here - with shades and a smile in the lower right- accompanied by his teacher cohort in the Edinburgh program.



The picture Kristopher painted with his words portrays an Edinburgh brimming with color and culture. "There are thousands of food trucks and too many theatrical venues to keep track of, ranging from traditional theatrical halls to backs of bars to large shipping containers converted into theatres. I think I even saw a small camper van driving around that was a performance space. While the Fringe is going on, the city is also hosting an International Theatre festival, a comedy festival, a film festival, and a military tattoo festival (as well as the normal tourism). There's culture spilling out into the streets around every corner and down every alley."



Through all the adventures, there was a thread of gratitude towards the ESU holding each reflection together.

"So far this experience has been transformative, and I thank the ESU for making it happen. It's been so valuable to experience being a student instead of a teacher, especially with people who are passionate about their craft. This first week has felt like a lifetime, and I can't believe I have another entire week to go."

*Be sure to come out to the **Drey Scholars Reunion** on **September 21st** in order to hear all about Kristopher's second week and the equally enthralling experiences of our other TLab Scholars!*

Drey Scholars Reunion

Expanding minds

Strengthening friendships

Unlocking opportunities

DREY SCHOLARS

REUNION 2022

University Club Library

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

4:30- 6:30 P.M.

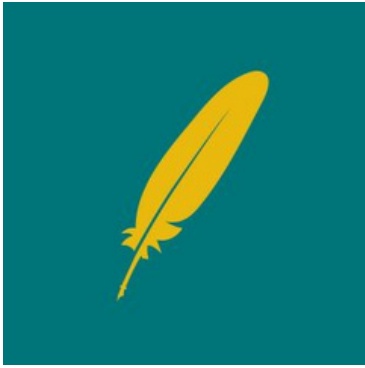
After two years in a COVID holding pattern, we finally have new scholar adventures to celebrate!

Please come catch up with friends, delight in a nibble or two, and share the stories that refuel teacher spirits as only the purest of professional development can!

Be sure to bring a friend or anyone interested in the \$7000 Teachers Learning Abroad (TLab) Scholarship Program. You can also learn all about the English-Speaking Union. A reception with light supper will follow the program.

Winter Park University Club Library
841 N. Park Avenue
Winter Park, FL. 32789





The Young Company at Orlando Shakes says...

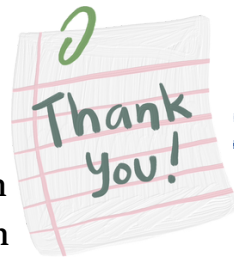
Dear Central Florida ESU,

Thank you so much for the greatest summer of my life! TYC was the most incredible growth and learning experience I've ever had, and I am so grateful I was given the opportunity to do it.

I created some memories that will last me a lifetime. Plus, I gained so much knowledge about things I never knew about! Not only did I learn more about the intricacies of Shakespeare and his works, but I also got to tackle the hardest role I've ever played.

Isabella never has a moment of true happiness and slowly deteriorates over the course of the show, so balancing her emotional arch with my own personal life was quite the challenge! Over the course of a month, I formed a family, and "our circle will remain unbroken until we're together again." We are all still active friends over text, which is amazing because every show I've ever done I lose contact with people the week after. I'm so incredibly grateful for the apprenticeship program because it gives me the chance to still see all the friends I made, as well as gain even more theatrical opportunities that will boost my confidence before college auditions. I cannot wait to audition next year and hopefully do it all over again. Once more, thank you.

Kindly,
Raina Grabowski



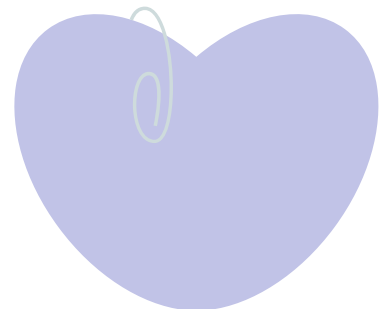
ENGLISH-
SPEAKING
UNION



To the English Speaking Union of Central Florida,

Thank you so much for your generous donation that makes TYC possible. The Young Company has been a huge part of my high school experience. Over the last five years, it has taught me countless lessons. It has eventually helped me pursue my passion in theatre as a career, as I will be attending Carnegie Mellon's School of Drama in the fall. The Young Company has allowed me to make new friends and challenge myself as an artist and individual. I am endlessly grateful for your support to make that possible.

Many thanks,
Carly Tamborello





The English Speaking Union
Central Florida Branch

Fall Dinner

Tuesday

October 18, 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: Socky O'Sullivan

*Renowned
Local
Legend*

*Michael Andrew
Jazz singer,
bandleader
and
actor!*

**Reservations due by Tuesday,
October 11, 2022**

Make your check for \$55 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

Fall Dinner

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

The Winter Park Racquet Club

\$ _____ is enclosed (\$55 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.

*Don't Miss
This
Exciting
Evening!

Make
Your
Reservations!*



Dinner Menu

October 18, 2022

ESU Dinner

Passed Hors d'oeuvres

*Pesto Tomato Bruschetta
Olive tapenade
&
Goat Cheese Crostini*

Plated Salad

*Iceberg wedge, bacon, tomato,
& bleu cheese*

Rolls & Butter

Plated Entrée

*3 oz filet with demi-glace
&
3 oz panko crusted flounder
with beurre blanc
Garlic mashed potatoes
&
Vegetable bundle*

Plated Dessert

*Flourless Chocolate Torte

Coffee and Tea
House Wine*



Program Schedule 2022-2023

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

Monday, September 12, 2022, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Professor Wayne Bowen, UCF - "Churchill and Spain in WWII."

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Dinner at Winter Park Racquet Club and entertainment by Michael Andrew Host: Socky O'Sullivan

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, Michelle 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.

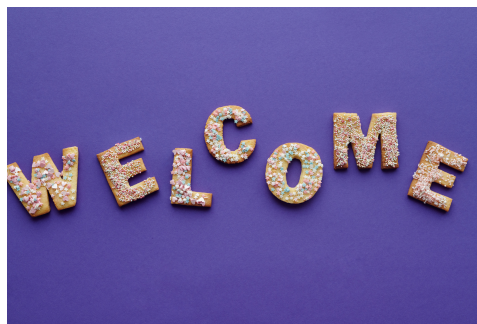
Monday, April 3, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members:



Gail Kent

Scott Schoonover and Alex Moore

Marty Sullivan and Maura Smith

John and Jacqueline Thompson

Branch Business



If you have any email address updates or questions concerning Branch emails, please email us at esucentralfl@gmail.com.

The September newsletter will be delivered by email and U.S. mail to all ESU Central Florida members. Subsequent newsletters will only be delivered through email unless you notify us at esucentralfl@gmail.com that you would like to receive a hard copy of the monthly newsletters.

**Evolue
education and
impact lives.
Join the ESU!**

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH Membership Application

- ☐ 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 _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone, Fax, and Email _____

Visit the E-SU Central Florida website at www.E-SUus.org/centralflorida for more information.

**The English-Speaking Union
Central Florida Branch**

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Education Annual Report 2021-2022

Jan McClure, Education Chair

The 2021-22 Education budget granted only two existing education projects and programs from the previous year, The Orlando Shakes summer camps for middle and high school students and the Adult Literacy League. Orlando Shakes was able to return to safe onsite activities for their campers after the totally virtual camps of 2020, while the Literacy League successfully used a hybrid model that will likely remain as a permanent option for their clients. Other grantees who had already received funds from the 2019-2020 budget for their spring 2020 events were notified to continue a rollover of any unused money to apply to their 2021-2022 projects. In that category are: Battle of the Books (Orange and Seminole County Public Schools) and Orange County Public Schools Student Media Festival. Battle of the Books was re-established. One grant, Crealde School of Art: Storytellers Program was not able to complete this project. We have invited them to reapply for next year. We used money from our Contingency Budget to fund two Seminole County teachers to teach a workshop at the International Convention for Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in Pittsburgh in March. Our most ambitious grant in Branch history was granted to the University of Central Florida College of Education this year. The \$100,000 grant, to commemorate the ESU Centennial, is named in honor of our founding member and benefactress, Jessie Drey. For the next five years, this grant provides \$20,000 in scholarships per year to the university for teaching professionals seeking graduate degrees.

Recent grantees are being offered the opportunity to apply again for the 2022-2023 cycle with a Grant Application/Review form we have designed (required by ESUUS). The Education Committee will review any grant requests received before the June Board Meeting and in time for the final budget approval in September.

Total Budgeted: \$132,410 Total spent: \$126,396