



## September 12 -- 2016-2017—ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us to celebrate our programs and accomplishments. See the results of our fundraising endeavors. Meet other members and supporters.

### The Philadelphia Branch supports the following programs

- **Shakespeare Competition:** High school students from the Philadelphia region compete for prizes in performance .
- **National Speakers Program:** Renowned lecturers speak in Philadelphia at receptions, luncheons and dinners. This includes the annual Wrench Lecture. National supports the Margaret Thatcher Lecture Series.
- **Walter Hines Page Scholarship:** Educators are hosted for several weeks in an exchange program between Britain and the United States for professional or post-graduate research.
- **Teaching Shakespeare Workshops or British Universities Summer School Program:** Scholarships are awarded to local secondary school teachers for three or six week periods at the Globe Centre in London, the University of Oxford or the University of Edinburgh.

**There is no cost to attend the Annual Meeting. A reservation is required. We hope you can join us!!**



## Teaching Shakespeare Workshop

The English Speaking Union, Central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Branches, are offering the "Teaching Shakespeare 'First Folio' The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare," a workshop for **Pennsylvania teachers and pre-service teachers from Pennsylvania Universities**. Developed in conjunction with the national tour of the Folger First Folio "by teachers for teachers," this daylong workshop introduces dynamic tools to get Shakespeare's words into the heads, mouths, and hearts of students.

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

Registration: 8:30 – 8:55 am (including forms for Act 48 hours)

Workshop: 9 am - 5 pm

**Susquehanna Room**

**Elizabethtown College**

**One Alpha Drive**

**Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2298**



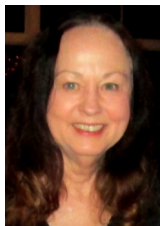
This is a **FREE** workshop. If you know a teacher who might be interested, please have them contact the office at

215-545-3619 or [esu@libertynet.org](mailto:esu@libertynet.org)

## President's Column

Dear Friends,

I hope you are staying cool this summer and enjoying some relaxation. As I end my term as President, I hope you will join our Board of Governors and Members as



we welcome your new President at the Annual Meeting on September 12th at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia. The notice is enclosed. As expected, we had a glorious Garden Party at the home of **Jay and Hadia Tolson**. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity, continued support and the offer of their home to host the celebration. Our Board is grateful for all of the Benefactors that joined us at the reception in June at Valley Forge Military Academy.



June 5th—Benefactor Reception at Valley Forge Military Academy

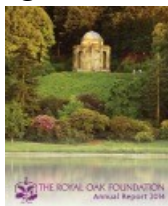
We are in the process of planning our 2016-2017 events. We will send out invitations and reminders. Please call the office if you have any questions about details. I also hope you continue to support the Royal Oak Lectures at the Union League. The Fall lectures have just been announced and are listed under *Calendar of Events*. Thank you for your continued support of our programs. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President. I look forward to an exciting new fiscal year of new faces and events.

Very truly yours,

**Gayla McCluskey**  
President

### Royal Oak Foundation at the Union League

The Royal Oak Foundation is the American Partner of the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their mission is to encourage Americans to learn about, experience and support places of great historic and natural significance throughout the United Kingdom. The Philadelphia branch of The English-Speaking Union has received the honor of being listed as a co-sponsor of these events to recognize the steadfast support they receive from our membership.



**Location: The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad Street.**

**FORMAL BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUIRED.** For each lecture, there will be a cash bar reception at 6:00PM. Lecture begins at 6:30PM

**Lecture only:** \$30 members and co-sponsors\*; \$40 non-members.

**Lecture and dinner:** \$75 members and co-sponsors\*; \$80 non-members.

Registration is required: <http://www.royal-oak.org/lectures> or

800-913-6565, ext. 201 **\*use code 16SESUP to receive the discounted price**

Current lectures are listed under Calendar of Events.

## ESU MEMBERSHIP

The English-Speaking Union of the United States is a network of 68 Branches throughout the country, whose members celebrate English as a shared language to foster global understanding and good will by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators and members. The ESU seeks to nurture and enhance our linguistics heritage through nationally administered programs and outreach.

**Thank You!**



The English-Speaking Union of the United States is a membership organization whose mission is facilitated locally by the volunteer efforts of our Branch members around the country. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and donations and membership contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

As an English-Speaking Union Branch member, you are contributing both financially and personally to programs that enrich the lives of students and educators through a diverse range of local and national programs. These programs impact the lives of thousands of students hungry for knowledge and hundreds of teachers looking for new ways to educate them. Additionally, members are invited to expand their own social network by being invited to cultural and social events, speakers and book author events, regional and national events as well as invitations to international travel opportunities with like-minded people.

You should have received your 2016-17 membership renewal notice. Thank you in advance for your continued support!!

You can re-new by mailing in the renewal form or online at [www.esuus.org/esu/membership/](http://www.esuus.org/esu/membership/)



# ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

A big THANK YOU to co-chairs, **Suzanne and David Lavins**. It was a windy and comfortable day as we celebrated the Queen's Birthday. Nearly 150 guests came out to celebrate. Thank you **Don and Judy Rosato** for bringing the Rolls. The guests enjoyed being greeted with a glass of chilled champagne. Congratulations to Hat Contest winners, who received books on British Fashion as a prize. The guests enjoyed a new feature—Richie Rawbar who served clams, oysters and oyster shooters. Thank you to all who supported this event!!





**Calendar of Events**

- September 12** Annual Meeting
- September 26** **Royal Oak:** *The Monarch's Taste: Treasures from the Royal Collection*
- October 17** **Royal Oak:** *Les Parisiennes: Women in Wartime Paris 1939-1949*
- October 24** **Royal Oak:** *Churchill's Legacy: Two Speeches to Save the World*
- October 28** **Fall Gala—A Highland Fling**
- November 1** **Royal Oak:** *Modern Aristocrats: Ancestral Houses and Their Stories*
- November 7** **Royal Oak:** *Game of Queens: The Women Who Made 16th-Century Europe*
- November 11** **Teaching Shakespeare Workshop**  
(Elizabethtown, PA)
- December 18** **Christmas Celebration**  
(Christ Church)



**Education. Scholarship. Understanding.**

**Welcome New Members**

Dr. Kristin Smith Cahn von Seelen  
 Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Merrick Kane  
 Mr. Gregory Klipstein  
 Mr. Christopher Morton



ESU Members enjoy dining privileges\* at  
 The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, 215 S. 16th St.

*\*ESU members must first register at the Front Desk  
 with a credit card to receive a Guest Pass.*



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