

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

## Syracuse Branch – Region II

### NEWSLETTER

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-----The Syracuse Branch was founded in 1947 by Mr. Richard W. Dundon, OBE

*President:* **Wendy Davenport**  
**Susan Jarosz**

**2007 - 2008**

*Secretary:*

*Treasurer:* **James Shope**

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**Syracuse Branch Web Page: [www.esuus.org/branches/syracuse](http://www.esuus.org/branches/syracuse)**

**Summer 2007**  
**Hoblyn Jones**

*Editor:* **Wendy**

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<b>A REMINDER</b>
<b>Please see the Save-the-Date note with this Newsletter</b>
<b>about the forthcoming</b>
<b>Garden Party on August 12</b>
<b>A more detailed notice will be sent out shortly.</b>
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I truly enjoyed working with the Board on this year's activities. Our luncheons and programs, as always, were exceptional. The next event is our upcoming Garden Party on Sunday, August 12, from 4 - 7 p. m. Our theme this year is hats, and we will have recent Shakespeare winners/competitors performing. Please bring items for our raffle and a guest or two!

We have another outstanding year next season, beginning with our Evelyn Wrench speaker in September and culminating with our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in May. Please note that our first luncheon is on a Wednesday – 26<sup>th</sup> September – since it is the only day that our speaker from England, **Michael Dobbs**, is available.

I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year.  
*Wendy Davenport (699-5641)*

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**Peg Burden** (457-7719) and **Nancy Danzer** (652-6254 or [rseymour20@msn.com](mailto:rseymour20@msn.com)) are members of the Sunshine Committee and would welcome any suggestions or concerns that members might have.

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## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, May 12, 2007, the following Officers and Board members were elected:

*President:* **Wendy Davenport**  
*Vice President (Education):* **William McPeak**  
*Vice President (Program):* **Steve Mouton**  
*Vice President (Shakespeare):* **JoAnn Wallace**  
*Treasurer:* **James Shope**  
*Secretary:* **Susan Jarosz**

*Board Members:*

**Margaret Burden**   **Sarah Conley**   **Nancy Danzer**  
**Robert Davenport\***   **Norma Ferguson\***   **Leo Gould**  
**Joan Kelly**   **Anne Kuehn**   **Dori Parker**  
**Catherine Parratt**   **Jannie Woo\***

\* New members.

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Our special thanks to the members going off the board:

**Dorothy Jordan** (*Treasurer*), **Wendy Hoblyn Jones** and **Caroline Shaw Brown**.

**Dorothy Jordan** has agreed to be *Assistant Treasurer*.

**Wendy Hoblyn Jones** is a life-time *Honorary Director*.

**Anne Padget** is our *Hospitality Chair*.

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## SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP – 2007 – 2008

The following members have contributed at the Sponsor membership level, and they will be recognized at the Garden Party in August. Thank you to them all.

- **Peg Burden**

- **Leo and Eileen Gould**
- **Harry and Mary Lewis**
- **Catherine Parratt**
- **George Stafford**

*Joan Kelly – Membership*

## **P**ROGRAM 2007-2008

Our Annual Garden Party will take place on **Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. Once again our hosts will be **Ben and Jane Carroll** of Cazenovia. This year special prizes will be given to the most creative hats worn by both men and women. Look out for the notice in the mail soon.

On Wednesday, September 26, *Evelyn Wrench Speaker* **Michael Dobbs** will be with us. **Please note that this luncheon will take place on a Wednesday (not a Saturday)**. A notice will be sent out at the beginning of September. **Michael Dobbs** is the author of *Never Surrender; Churchill's Triumph;* and *The House of Cards*, which became a popular British television series.

The Program Committee is still working on the schedule for the 2007-2008 season and the finalized program will be available later in the summer.

**GOOD NEWS!** **Dori Parker** has agreed to put on her highly popular Holiday program in December, and this event is scheduled for Saturday, December 8. More later!

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## **N**ATIONAL E-SU CONFERENCE - 2007 October 31 – November 4, 2007 The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

A reminder that the Richmond branch will be hosts of the National Conference this year, and events will include a Shakespeare Festival, Churchill Symposium, Virginia Indian Exhibition, International Panel and historic tours of Jamestown to celebrate their 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All E-SU members are invited. For information contact either **Wendy Davenport** (699-5641) or **Wendy Hoblyn Jones** (445-1218).

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## **D**ID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that donations are needed to renovate **Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, England?**

This church is known as **Shakespeare's Church** and dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and is where Shakespeare was baptized in 1564 and buried in 1616. The money will go towards extensive improvements to the building, which is a popular tourist attraction. Because of the popularity of our local Shakespeare Competition, the Syracuse branch is sending a donation, and we think that some of our members might like to be included. If so, please call **Wendy Davenport** (699-5641). More information can be found on the church website: [www.shakespeareschurch.org](http://www.shakespeareschurch.org)

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## **A**ND DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that there are plans to build a New Globe Theatre (a replica of the London Globe) on Governor's Island in New York? The park where the theatre is scheduled to be built is part of the National Park Service, and, as such, requires the public to request that the site be used for this purpose. Letters making such a request are needed, including letters from our membership, and if you are interested in this project please contact **Steve Mouton** (652-7895) for more information.

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## **E**-SU BOOK OF FAIRY TALES AND TRADITIONS

The idea for this innovative and appealing book comes from **Youmna Asseily**, E-SU Lebanon, and President of the E-SU International Council. She is asking that each member country (and there are more than 50) submit tales about traditions, historical customs and fables. The National office in New York is looking for local stories or traditions from the US branches which could be included in this book.. **Can any of our members help?**

This is a truly international project, and it would be wonderful if we could include something from Central New York. What about local stories on "leatherstocking country," the Erie Canal or the Wizard of Oz? Please contact **Wendy Hoblyn Jones** (445 1218) or if you would prefer, e-mail directly to Deputy Director **Christopher Broadwell** at the E-SU headquarters before July 15:

[cbroadwell@esuus.org](mailto:cbroadwell@esuus.org)

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## **T**HANK YOU . . . . .

. . . to **Dorothy Brown** (ex-Board member – now living in Washington State) and **Wendy Hoblyn Jones** for their donations in memory of **Gil Murray, Marilyn Bentley** and **MaryD Shaw**. These donations will be going into our Education Fund.

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The English-Speaking Union of the United States is a national educational organization whose 75 branches, with some 10,000 members, share a common mission with over 50 English-Speaking Unions around the world. Working together, both locally and internationally, ESU members use the shared bond of the English language to improve global communication through a variety of educational, cultural, and social programs.

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