This is your invitation to the Fall Banquet

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

AT

HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

5:30 p.m. Reception * 6:30 p.m. Speaker * 7:30 p.m. Dinner

"Abraham Lincoln" will be our speaker as portrayed by

John Mansfield – Lincoln Presenter.

He has given an impromptu talk at the monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and recited the Gettysburg Address. John Mansfield is a Nashville-based Lincoln presenter who appeared in the 2008 film "Being Lincoln: Men With Hats", an interesting look at Lincoln and the men today that present "his story" to people of all ages.

Need a ride? Check with Dick Knight on car-pooling possibilities.

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R.S.V.P. with a check: $60 per person

Please indicate which entrée you prefer on the enclosed card

(checks made payable to The English-Speaking Union)

 mailed to 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, Tennessee  37215-3414

Questions? 298-5659 or lsiesser@comcast.net

Black Tie – Decorations
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who were unable to attend the New Member Reception on Oct. 3rd, missed a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Members donated a wonderful assortment of delicious refreshments and Colin and Scott Merrick sang and accompanied on their guitars, providing delightful entertainment.

The upcoming Fall Banquet on November 11th promises to be another exciting and intriguing evening. Our guest speaker, Abraham Lincoln, will make this a night to remember. I hope to see all of you there.

Very few members last year missed the landmark event of the first ESU Twelfth Night celebration. Our second Twelfth Night celebration will be held at Travellers Rest on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 2011. Preliminary plans indicate that you might want to put this date on your calendar right away.

You are invited to attend and/or volunteer to assist at the Shakespeare Workshop on Jan. 29th at Harpeth Hall and also at the Regional Shakespeare Finals on Mar. 5th at the Troutt Theater, Belmont University. These are both excellent events and you will be pleased with the high level of talent in our schools. Please contact Ann Calhoun to assist.

The High Tea at Shadowbrook on Apr. 3rd promises to be another stellar event. Audrey Campbell will read her poetry accompanied by a violinist and pianist.

The Spring Banquet on April 29th will feature our National Chairman, former congresswoman and educator Patricia S. Schroeder, J.D., as our speaker, and it will also kick-off our first ESU Region II meeting that weekend.

Many special thanks to those who have made donations to our local education programs. Your generous assistance in this key ESU initiative is critical as we strive to enrich the educational milieu of middle Tennessee.

Your executive committee members are busy finalizing arrangements for a busy 2010-2011 season. There may be some surprises. Watch this space.

by Theodore Elliott Wiltsie, Ed.D

Welcome new members:
Since the last newsletter
Hope & Earl Estopinal
Kathryn & John Glynn of GlynStewart
Jane Lauer
Patsey Reed
Elaine & Gerry Youngblood

Honorary new member:
Benjamin Crist – Franklin Classical School

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS TO EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Since July 1, 2010
Gold Benefactors ($500 or more)
Phyllis Heard
Benefactors ($100-$249)
Ann & Gerry Calhoun * Ann Marie & Martin McNamara * BB Schneider
Mary Palmer Thompson * Susan & Otey Walker, III
Patron ($50-$89)
Joe Diehl * Jean & Dick Hart * Emily & Robert Mathews * Carol & John Rochford * Jane Stone
Mac Whiteman * Jane & Tom Yount
Donor ($25-$49)
Carolyn & David Amiot * Joan Campbell * Kathryn & John Glynn
Lynn & Jack May * Marlin & William Sanders * Jane Tarkington * Bennett Tarleton * Joan Vollmer
One of Sir Winston Churchill’s finest paintings now a limited edition.

The facsimile (#774 of 850) was purchased by our vice-president, Dr. Susan Sinclair and her mother, Sue Sinclair-Riggan as a gift for Susan’s father. In 2010 Susan donated the framed picture to the Nashville Branch of the English-Speaking Union to be auctioned in support of the Branch’s education programs.

Bidding started at the membership meeting on October 3 and will end at the Fall Banquet on November 11, 2010. The picture will be on display at the Hillwood Country Club during the banquet and bidding will close at the end of the evening.

Top bid as of October 17, 2010 is by Jim Blockstock and stands at $350.

NOTE ON ANOTHER CHURCHILL VIEW
Lithograph on Paper: View from Chartwell by Winston Churchill as sold on winstonchurchillshop.com $684.99 ex VAT

Bids until November 10, 2010 may be sent to Lynne Siesser at 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414 or emailed to her at lsiesser@comcast.net
The English-Speaking Union, Nashville - Volunteer Needs

Tap the wealth of experience among the membership: opportunities to participate actively in ESU goals and events.

Membership/Outreach
Chair: William T. Schwartz
Linda Walter
Become an ambassador for the ESU. Contact and involve civic organizations through the promotion of ESU events, programs and membership recruitment. (Treasurer maintains membership contact and financial database.)

Events
Chair: TBD
Bradley Brown, Donah & Roger Burgess, Jane Stone, Linda Walter
Initiate an interesting program or event and coordinate with other appropriate committee chairs.

Education Committee
Chair: Dr. Ann Cook Calhoun
Donah & Roger Burgess, Marion Couch, Lina Wellborn
Assist Ann on the promotion and arrangements for the Shakespeare Workshop and Competition and the Page Scholar.
(A visiting international educator)

Fund Raising
Chair: TBD
Brainstorm and implement creative ways to raise funds for the ESU educational programs of the Nashville Branch.

Hospitality
Chair: TBD
Donah & Roger Burgess, Ann & Gerry Calhoun, Bitsy & Roupen Gulbenk, Joan Vollmer
Linda Walter, Lina Wellborn, Mac Whiteman
Coordinate with event chair and host/hostess to assist in arranging for refreshments at informal events.

Arrangements
Chair: TBD
Susan Creagh, Lina Wellborn
Coordinate with event chair and host/hostess in scheduling individuals to meet and greet at events; give parking directions; assist the elderly or those needing physical help; acquire, pick up and set up a PA system when necessary.

Public Relations
Chair: TBD
Periodically send information to local and regional media outlets announcing upcoming events, represent the ESU and solicit attendance and membership.

Communications
Chair: TBD
Bradley Brown
Assist as necessary by writing thank you notes, letters of condolence, and other necessary correspondence; write newsletters; mail reminder cards; make telephone calls.

Historian
Jane Stone
Maintain a chronological date/time log of programs, events and activities; reconstruct past history as able.

If you are interested in joining one of these teams, please let Lynne or Ted know.
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